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## Syrians protest arrest of Golan Druse woman

By DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

Syrian officials have complained in UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan over the arrest by Israeli police of a Golan Heights Druse woman, suspected of harming the security of the state.

The woman, Alham Naif Abu Salah, a resident of Majdal Shams, was arrested earlier this week but details were not revealed because of a publicity ban imposed by the Acre Magistrate's Court.

The ban was partially lifted yesterday after the story appeared on Syrian television on Monday along with a report of demonstrations by Majdal Shams residents protesting Abu Salah's arrest.

Syrian newspapers highlighted the story yesterday, saying the woman was a psychology student at Damascus University who had returned to her home in Majdal Shams two months ago for summer vacation.

According to the newspaper reports, the rector of the university, as well as Syrian officials sent a

letter of protest to Annan. They charged that Abu Salah's arrest was part of what they described as the ongoing "barbaric oppression" by Israel of "Syrian students from the Golan."

The arrest of the 30-year-old student sent shock waves through the tight-knit Druse community on the Golan. Residents in Majdal Shams demonstrated in the village on Tuesday, burning tires at the village entrance and parading through the main street, waving Syrian flags.

The general strike imposed on Monday afternoon continued yesterday, with women residents staging a sit-down protest outside the local offices of the International

exchange having been set alight in the area, although the situation generally remained quiet, with police on standby outside the village preventing cars from entering.

Members of Abu Salah's family charged that her arrest was politically motivated. They said that Israeli security officials came to their house and used the same knock on the door and window as her brother Kalim, also a student at Damascus University.

They said 15 police and General Security Service officers entered the house and arrested Abu Salah.

Another brother went with her to the local police station in nearby Masa'ada but later returned home after she was taken elsewhere.

The family said Abu Salah's lawyer intended

to appeal against her detention.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, who visited the Golan yesterday and was not far from Majdal Shams, said anything that harmed the security of the state was a very serious matter.

"The incident itself is very serious and is being investigated and all steps will be taken. Apart from that, I would not tie matters that are not connected," said Mordechai.

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Alham Naif Abu Salah (Reuters)

**N. Korea major topic of PM's talks in Seoul**  
By JAY BUSHINSKY and news agencies

SEOUL, South Korea - Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was unusually cautious about disclosing the extent to which the defection of North Korea's ambassador to Egypt, figured in his wide-ranging talks yesterday with South Korean President Kim Young Sam.

Nor would he confirm reports in the international press about Cairo being a key intelligence center for the communist North Korean regime.

North Korea's international links evidently were one of the major topics discussed by the two leaders, if only because of its export of Scud-C surface-to-air missiles to Syria as well as its subsequent provision of the requisite technology for Syria to manufacture them.

Like Israel, Netanyahu said, South Korea suffers from the fear of "terrorism and ballistic missiles." Local analysts estimate that 2.3 million persons could lose their lives here if the chemical warheads believed to be in the



**Training for peace**  
A Palestinian Police officer (right) and IDF soldiers carry a mock disaster victim yesterday in Gaza during their first joint exercise. Story, Page 2.

## IDF lifts Bethlehem closure

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The IDF lifted the 28-day closure on Bethlehem yesterday, following several days of stone-throwing and confrontations in the town.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, speaking to reporters in South Korea, accused the Palestinian Authority of encouraging street violence.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai had said the closure would remain in effect until Palestinians started to cooperate on the investigation of the Mahane Yehuda bombing in Jerusalem on July 30. But rumors surfaced midday yesterday among the Palestinians that Israel had agreed to lift the closure.

As the afternoon wore on, IDF commanders said they knew nothing of the report about lifting the closure and that they had not yet received such instructions. But at 4 p.m. the IDF announced it was removing the closure and troops removed the barricades that had blocked cars from entering or leaving the city.

The IDF announcement said the decision was reached by Mordechai and Chief of General Staff Lt-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak.

The IDF stressed that Bethlehem is still a "closed military zone," which means Israelis are still barred from entering the Palestinian-controlled town.

Lifting the closure means that Palestinians will now be able to travel in and out of the city. The general ban on crossing the Green Line remains in effect.

Earlier yesterday, before the closure was lifted, IDF troops arrested 15 Palestinians in the villages of Dar Salah in the Bethlehem area and Al-Hazan east of Sur Bahir, media reports said. Palestinian sources told them that the majority of those detained were linked to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and had been arrested in the past.

Mordechai said yesterday he hopes the situation in the territories does not erupt. Speaking while observing an Armored Corps exercise on the Golan Heights, he said the reason for the tension in Bethlehem was apparently the ongoing closure. He asserted the IDF is prepared for any eventuality.

Regarding the lifting of the closure, Mordechai said: "We are waiting to see that there will be effective results on the part of the Palestinians to our demands," he said.

These demands included the PA taking action against Gen. Ghazi Jahal, the head of the Palestinian Police, strengthening security ties with Israel, and particularly "taking determined and intensive action against terrorism in the areas under the PA

## Doubts cast at DNA tests reuniting mother and daughter

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

The case of a Yemenite girl who died here even before she officially arrived, and a woman who gave birth twice within six months were cited yesterday by Tsila Levine's lawyer, Rami Zuberi as proof that documents from the period surrounding the alleged disappearance of Yemenite children were forged or inaccurate.

"Tsila Levine's case should be seen as a landmark case which should affect the future directions taken by this committee in its investigation," Zuberi told the Cohen Commission in Jerusalem, after Levine had told the panel her moving story.

Zuberi's counterattack came after questions about Levine's claims that DNA tests had proven that she was actually the daughter of Margalit Amosi were raised by Drora Nahman-Roth, a senior deputy to the Jerusalem district attorney, who is assisting the two-year-old Cohen Commission in its investigation.

The commission plans to ask the DNA expert who made the match in testify, and may seek to conduct additional DNA tests before Levine leaves the country on September 14.

Levine was mobbed by the media upon her entrance to the committee room, where she told her story.

However, despite assuring Levine she felt badly about having to question her story, Nahman-Roth proceeded to try to poke holes in it.

She noted that Levine's adoption order and identity card stated she was born in September 1948, and



Margalit Amosi (left) and her daughter Tsila Levine embrace during yesterday's session of the Cohen Commission in Jerusalem. (Giac Herson)

**'It was always with me'**  
By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

"My teacher took me out of class and told me that I was adopted," she said, her voice breaking slightly. "I could see the guidance counselor go into the classroom, and at the same time I was being told I was adopted, my classmates were told."

"She told me that Anda and Mordechai Rosenstock [their names at the time] were not my biological parents."

Pausing periodically to wipe away tears, Tsila Levine yesterday told the story of her 33-year quest for the truth about her past, culminating with her reunion with her mother several days ago.

Levine told the committee how one day, at the age of six, she was pulled out of her classroom at Kibbutz Ein Hamifratz, where she lived with her adopted parents.

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North Korean arsenal are launched.

The military standoff between South Korea and North Korea which comprise this strategic peninsula has been a catalyst for the Seoul government's interest in Israeli military hardware. This is borne out by its recent \$100 million purchase of unmanned aerial vehicles from Israel Aircraft Industries.

Meanwhile, North Korea yesterday pulled out of talks with the United States on missile proliferation, saying Washington's decision to take in its two defectors was a "grave insult." The US dismissed a North Korean demand that it hand over the two diplomat brothers for trial and said it assumed that four-nation talks on the future of the Korean peninsula could go ahead in mid-September.

A North Korean official called Washington's role in the defection "a grave insult and hostility towards the DPRK (the communist Democratic People's Republic of Korea)." Ambassador Li Gun, Pyongyang's deputy UN representative, said in a statement, "The US offer of shelter to the criminals seriously damaged the climate preventing our government from resuming the talks."

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# NEWS

in brief

## US questions Israel-Jordan dam project

The US said yesterday that a joint Israeli-Jordanian dam project should not be built on territory claimed by Syria.

State Department spokesman James Rubin said there are conflicting reports as to the actual construction site. He noted that the original report suggested that the site was on disputed territory.

"It is our view that the site for the proposed dam should be determined by the two interested parties, Israel and Jordan, at a site mutually agreed upon by them and one that takes into account issues of sovereignty in this area," he said. AP

## Manbar remanded till end of proceedings

The Tel Aviv District Court yesterday ordered businessman Nahum Manbar held till the end of his forthcoming trial on charges of aiding an enemy, passing state secrets to an enemy, and obstruction of justice. According to the indictment, Manbar agreed to sell Iran material for producing chemical weapons, maintaining contacts with Iran for this purpose from 1990 to 1993. The obstruction charge relates to Manbar allegedly ordering his wife to burn certain related documents hidden at home. *Jim*

## Histadrut general strike still looms

A third meeting between Histadrut and Treasury officials on disputes over proposals for privatization and market reforms yielded no results yesterday, leading Shlomo Shani, the head of the Histadrut trades union department, to warn that the threat of a general strike remains. Also in dispute are pension-related issues, including plans to reduce the government guarantees of pensions, to force pension funds to invest more of their assets in stocks, and to lengthen the term of study fund savings plans from six to 10 years. *Jim*

## Vardi testifies in bugging case

Former *Yediot Aharonot* editor Moshe Vardi testified yesterday in the trial against him and former news editor Ruth Ben-Ari on wiretapping charges. Vardi told the court he had hired private investigator Ya'acov Bek, who was introduced to him by Ben-Ari, to tap *Yediot* journalists in 1992 after finding many leaks of the paper's information to rival *Ma'ariv*. *Jim*

## Two IDF prisoners flee military court

The IDF has launched searches for two soldiers suspected of stealing and selling weapons who escaped yesterday from a military court in the south as they were being escorted to trial, the army said. The two soldiers were brought to the court from Military Prison 4 and were under guard by military police when they fled. *Arieh O'Sullivan*

## Bride dies in accident two days after wedding

Liat Alfasi, 26, of Yeroham, was killed late Tuesday night when her car was hit by a commercial vehicle as she made a left turn at the Segula junction on the Kiryat Gat-Ashtekel road. She had been married two days earlier. In another accident, a man of about 30 was run over and killed early yesterday morning in Kiryat Bialik by a Ma'alot resident driving along the Haifa-Acre road. *Jim*

## No terror status for Meshulam

The measures being taken against followers of jailed cult leader Uzi Meshulam will not be made more stringent, it was decided yesterday. The state attorney and senior police and GSS officials, who met yesterday on the issue, expressed the opinion that more severe measures against the group would merely lead to greater extremism. One of the proposals had been to declare Meshulam's followers a Jewish terror group. *Bathsheva Tsur*

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The funeral procession will depart at 11 a.m. for the Mount of Olives.

Bus transportation will be available.

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His wife, Marta  
and the family in Israel and abroad

Shiva at the Grossberger-Schwarz home, 6c Rehov Katznelson, Jerusalem, Tel. 02-5617815

# Syria: Israel playing with fire

By DAVID RUDGE

Syrian Defense Minister Mustafa Tlass warned yesterday that the policies of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu were leading the region towards war.

Tlass, according to Army Radio, was quoted in an Arabic language newspaper in the Gulf as saying that Syria was not afraid of conflict and was prepared for war if Netanyahu and "his gang" were trying to create conditions for war in the region.

Israel was playing with fire, had closed the door to peace and had opened a war file, Tlass was quoted as saying.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, who observed an end-

of-course training exercise for brigade commanders yesterday, was more conciliatory.

"The IDF is strong and well trained. It has the necessary means and prepares itself for any eventuality," said Mordechai.

"At the same time, we and I believe the Syrians want to exhaust the political process. Military capabilities exist. We are not deterred from the military aspect. We don't, however, want to demonstrate the military side, we want to operate the political side," said Mordechai.

"Therefore, I call on the Syrians time after time to enter into talks, a real dialogue, on the problems between us and the Syrians for the past 50 years and propose more than one solution. It's possible that

a solution will be found that both we and the Syrians will be able to live with," he said.

The comments by the two defense ministers came amid criticism by Lebanon's leading Christian figure of Syria's role in his country.

Patriarch Nasrallah Sfeir, head of the Maronite Christian community in Lebanon, charged that his country was not independent.

"It is unfortunate that the national will in Lebanon because the Lebanese have been deprived of their right to self-determination because there are 40,000 Syrian troops on Lebanese soil who interfere in every single affair," he was quoted as saying in the Lebanese press.

Sfeir's comments were apparently in reaction to those made earlier by Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri that the Syrians were playing a key role in Lebanon's stability and that they would leave the country when the time was ripe.

Meanwhile, fighting continued in south Lebanon yesterday with two South Lebanese Army soldiers lightly hurt in an Hizbullah mortar and anti-tank missile attack on a SLA patrol in the eastern sector of the security zone last night.

The SLA soldiers were given first aid in the field and later evacuated for more medical treatment. IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

In an unrelated matter, *Foreign Report* maintained yesterday that a reconciliation had taken place

recently between PLO loyalists and a breakaway faction led by former Fatah officer Col. Monir Makdah.

According to the report, the PLO may have transferred funds to the dissidents led by Makdah in the Ein el-Hilweh refugee camp near Sidon, to help resolve the internal dispute.

The *Foreign Report* story said that under the terms of the alleged accord, PLO fighters in Lebanon would unite and join in fighting in the Middle East process breaks down and is replaced by conflict.

The reconciliation apparently followed a visit to the Ein el-Hilweh camp by Arafat's top representative in south Lebanon, Sultan Abu Ayn-Ayn, himself a resident of the Rashidiyah camp, south of Tyre.

# MKs hold meeting in Kiryat Shmona

By LIAT COLLINS

Foreign Minister David Levy announced yesterday that a forum of MKs and ministers would meet every three months to discuss the problems of the communities along the northern border.

Speaking at the solidarity meeting of the Knesset in Kiryat Shmona, Levy told local residents: "Not a single penny should be cut from aid to the frontline communities." Although it was billed as a solidarity meeting, by the end of the day both MKs and local residents had the feeling that the special Knesset gathering had missed its mark by a larger gap than last week's katyushas.

Some 40 MKs and ministers from nearly all parties except the Arab ones made the trip up north for the session.

The tone was set when the bus traveling from Jerusalem started out late and got a speeding ticket.

The MKs were greeted outside the Cultural Center with flowers, and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, who was OC Northern Command, was given a hero's welcome but the atmosphere soon changed as it became clearer that the MKs wanted to have their say first.

By the time the local leaders and residents got to ask their questions the hall was half empty. The walkout was led by Inbal Kalina whose home suffered a katyusha hit and Stephanie Jaffa, a local resident took the microphone by force to point out "You came here to listen to us, so give us a chance to speak." Deputy Speaker Meir Shetreet looked like he would call them to order.

Questions ranged from the local aviation industry workers who had not been paid for three months, to the man with a wheelchair-bound wife unable to get to



The Knesset came to Kiryat Shmona yesterday. From left Michael Eytan, David Levy, Meir Shetreet, Prosper Azran, Yitzhak Mordechai, Raanan Cohen

the shelter during a rocket attack; farmers who wanted compensation for damage caused by unusual weather conditions and tourist operators whose businesses had collapsed during the rocket attacks.

"What we need is action. We need ways to ensure the town

remains attractive so our children don't leave it," said Anita Sharon who noted that her civics teacher at school was Merez leader Yossi Sarid who had spent a three-year period in the town out of solidarity.

Sarid yesterday called on the residents to "force the government to help you. It won't happen of its

own accord." Highschooler Michal Ya'cobi said he was not disappointed by the meeting: "But then I didn't have great expectations, although they could at least have answered the questions we were finally allowed to ask."

Residents complained that despite the relatively high turn-out of MKs

and ministers there was no representative of the finance or housing and construction ministries.

Shlomo Buhbut, former Labor MK and mayor of Ma'alot-Tarshiha, who heads the committee of frontline communities, implored the MKs, "Don't just go home and forget us."

# IDF, PA hold first joint exercise

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Israeli soldiers and Palestinian policemen held a first-ever joint exercise yesterday, simulating a car-bomb attack on the Netzarim road through the Gaza Strip.

Both sides treated a mix of Israelis and Palestinians and the IDF praised the success of what it called a "humanitarian drill."

Senior IDF commanders expressed disappointment that there is no such cooperation on the intelligence level to fight terror. But the Palestinian Police said the drill showed they were meeting a com-

mitment to cooperate on security matters.

Taking place on the road to Netzarim, the site of previous clashes and bomb attacks, both sides rushed to treat "wounded" hurt by an explosion. Members of both forces played the role of the wounded.

"The drill succeeded on its humanitarian level, since both military medical forces and Palestinian medical forces worked together and treated Palestinian and Israeli wounded together," said Lt-Col. Ofer, deputy IDF regional commander. During the exercise, Palestinian wounded were evacuat-

ed to Gaza and the Israeli injured were transported by helicopter and ambulances to Israel.

"This is regarded as a factual response to all claims that the Palestinian Authority doesn't illustrate the required level of security cooperation," said Ajez, Palestinian National Security commander in Gaza, told Reuters.

Ten Palestinian and five Israeli ambulances took part in the disaster drill.

"The Israelis gave us 75 minutes to evacuate the victims and we've done the operation in half the time," said Maj. Mohammed Joudah of the Palestinian Military Medical Services.

# ARREST

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He stressed that there were no problems with Druze citizens living in Israel and on the Golan Heights.

In a separate incident, TV and radio reports here said that Nadia Fouda, a 45-year-old Arab woman from Acre, was being held on suspicion of spying for Egypt in the early 1990s. Fouda has not been charged.

Fouda has been living in Egypt for the past 12 years with her Egyptian husband. She was arrested after returning here for her sister's funeral four months ago.

Fouda allegedly asked her sister to gather data on Israeli security and photographs of security installations to pass them on to Egyptian intelligence agencies, the reports said.

# DOUBTS

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Regarding the medical records, Zuberi said: "What I'm going to say sounds harsh, but this is what we've learned from various documents and many feel this way. The feeling that we get, especially from the fact that a girl disappears at a hospital in Rosh Ha'ayin and is adopted in the Haifa region, and we have a DNA expert's testimony which I believe is credible...is that we apparently cannot believe the documents from this period. When I say we cannot, I mean that we are apparently talking about forged documents."

"If this child was adopted in Haifa, he was then taken there without his parents' permission...that means the child was kidnapped or 'stolen.' A person who can 'steal' a child can forge a document...I don't believe in these documents."

To underscore his point, Zuberi presented a document which had been shown to the Bahaloul-Minkovskys Commission, which investigated the disappearances in the late 1960s, regarding a girl named Anya Tzifri. According to the family's immigration certificate, they immigrated from Yemen on May 21, 1950. But hospital records presented to the committee showed the girl was hospitalized on February 2 of that year, and died on April 22. "She died before she even existed," said Zuberi.

He also cited an Interior Ministry registration document from December 26, 1995 he said must have been "fed from this type of misinformation," which showed that a Yemenite woman had given birth on June 10, 1956 to her son Gavriel, on June 28, 1957 to a son named Avner and on April 20, 1964

# SEOUL

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The US announced on Tuesday that Jang Seung-il, North Korean ambassador to Egypt, his brother Jang Seung-ho from the North Korean Embassy in France, and their families had been spirited out over the weekend.

Jang Seung-il, the highest-ranking North Korean to seek political asylum in the United States, was believed to be familiar with his country's weapons dealings in the Middle East, including sales to

what Washington considers "rogue states" such as Iran and Syria.

The United States wanted the New York talks to negotiate an end to North Korea's production, deployment and export of missiles. The last round was held in June.

According to South Korea, Pyongyang exports about \$500 million worth of Scud missiles a year and weaponry exports between 1980 and 1993 accounted for about 30 percent of North Korea's total exports amounting to \$20.4 billion.

US State Department spokesman James Rubin said it was not until Tuesday night that the North Koreans informed the Americans they would skip yesterday's meeting.

"We regard the decision as disappointing... and we would like these talks to be rescheduled," he told a briefing.

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# Hearing begins on Ras al-Amud plan

The construction of a Jewish neighborhood in Jerusalem's Ras al-Amud would be a security threat and harm Israel's foreign relations, attorney Yossi Arnon argued yesterday, in the first hearing by the Jerusalem District Planning Commission Appeals Committee on an appeal of the plan filed by two Meretz city councilors.

The hearing was adjourned with no decision, and will be resumed in 10 days. By then, committee members are to visit the area.

Arnon, representing petitioners against the project, claimed the permit issued to Miami-based businessman Irving Moskowitz to build the homes was also not in keeping with the master plan for the area, and should never have been issued. It would create a Jewish ghetto in a predominantly Arab area and would be "like building a mosque in the middle of Mea She'arim," he said.

The Jerusalem Municipality's

legal adviser, Assa Ellav, argued, however, that the plan that governs the area, plan Ayin-Mem 9, was sufficient basis for issuing the permit. Moreover, the permit was issued with 33 conditions attached to it, so that any objection raised by the appellants has already been addressed.

Attorney Aharon Bruchin, chairman of the appeals committee, seemed to deflect Arnon's political arguments when he noted that "we are a planning committee, not the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee." However, he adjourned the hearing inconclusively.

Following the hearing, Renato Yarak, who is representing Moskowitz, said that since the whole issue is political in nature, there was no reason for it to be dealt with via the planning commission.

"Planners are not required to take possible bloodshed into account," Yarak told reporters.

"Just like you wouldn't want the defense minister to plan your house and garden, I don't think that engineers should decide if their might be bloodshed. Everyone should deal in their own area and the attempt to mix things only causes problems."

Ornan Yekutieli, one of the councilors who filed the appeal, said that since Mayor Ehud Olmert was behind the plan to build the neighborhood, he would be responsible for any disturbances or victims if the construction proceeds.

Meanwhile, the city demolished three partially built Arab homes in eastern Jerusalem yesterday that had been constructed illegally.

Dozens of heavily armed policemen, including some in riot gear and on horses, guarded three bulldozers as they flattened the homes, witnesses said. A few residents watched the work but there was no unrest.

(News agencies)

# Israel, S. Korea sign two economic pacts

By JAY BUSHINSKY

SEOUL, South Korea - Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and President Kim Young Sam signed two agreements yesterday.

South Korea, which is US-backed, has performed one of the Far East's most astounding economic miracles since 1970, expanding its exports from \$10 million to \$127 billion.

Due to its rapidly rising standard of living, South Korea has turned into an exceptionally lucrative market for Israeli products. Israel's trade with this country totalled \$720 million in 1996 and is expected to reach \$1 billion this year.

This is the economic background against which Netanyahu and Kim signed yesterday's

agreements, one on telecommunications and the other on technical cooperation, mainly in agriculture. The prime minister also conferred separately with his Korean counterpart, Koh Kun.

Israel and Korea reached a research and development agreement in advance of Netanyahu's official visit, according to which each will contribute \$1 million annually to a joint fund for the next three years. Its purpose is to facilitate technological exchange by the two countries' respective private sectors.

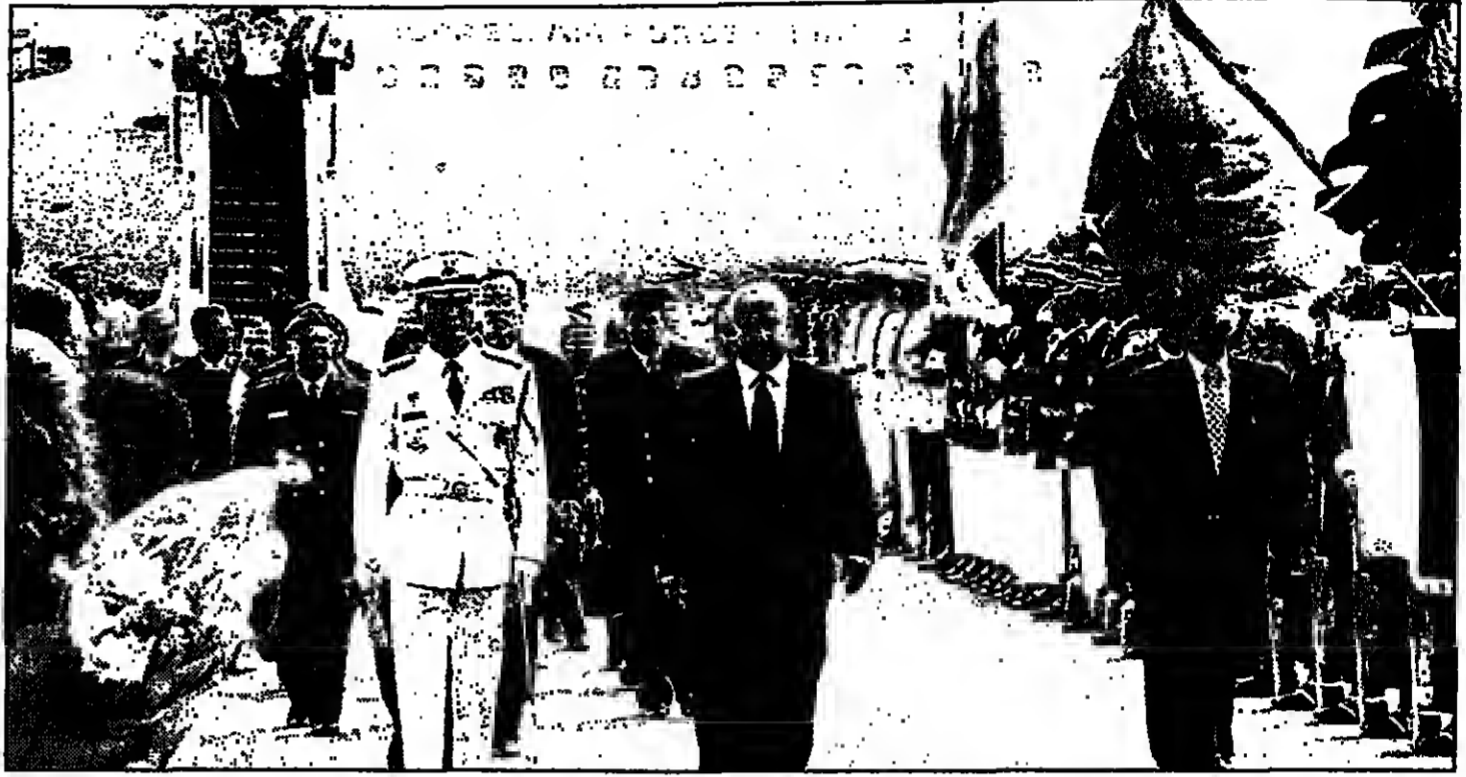
"Korea regards Israel as a source of hi-tech capacity," the prime minister said in his daily briefing to accompanying correspondents. Kim reiterated this concept at an official dinner he hosted with his wife for the Netanyahu's.

At the practical level, the chairman of the

giant Hyundai business group assured Netanyahu of his firm's intention to open an electronics research and development center in Israel in November. Netanyahu noted that Hyundai's annual turnover totals \$90 billion, which is nearly the same amount as Israel's GNP of \$100 billion.

The Daewoo Group companies are expected to follow suit at a later date. Korea's Hanwha Group already has assigned a representative to Tel Aviv for the purpose of monitoring Israeli know-how in telecommunications and satellite communications.

Plans are being laid for a Korean-Israeli economic conference to take place next January in Israel and Foreign Minister Yoo Chong Ha has accepted an invitation to visit Israel next year.



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu walks past an honor guard upon his arrival yesterday for a two-day official visit to South Korea. (AP)

# A-G critical of Tibi's remarks

By BATSHEVA TSUR

The Attorney-General has warned Yasser Arafat's adviser, Ahmed Tibi, not to repeat remarks describing Arabs who sold property to Jews in eastern Jerusalem as "selling their souls to the devil."

Tibi made the remarks on Israel radio May 8, MK Shaul Yahalom, head of the Knesset's Law Committee, wrote to Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein saying "These words of incitement...are extremely grave. In my opinion, the Israeli government cannot remain silent in the face of threats to people doing business with Jews [abroad]...How much more so when the [threats] are made in territory under Israeli control."

Yahalom said he believed Tibi was guilty of "racial incitement" and described this as "an apparently serious criminal act." He called for an investigation into the matter and police protection for those

threatened.

But, in his reply which was released yesterday, Rubinstein's deputy, Noam Solberg said that "the remarks were grave and disquieting," but not criminal.

He said that Rubinstein had instructed him to note that "freedom of speech does not entitle him (Tibi) to malign others." He added that he had expressed the hope that Tibi would not make a similar mistake in the future.

In a discussion with members of the committee last month, Rubinstein had said that Israeli law stipulated that freedom of speech had a special and central value and was a sine qua non for other civil liberties.

He noted then that unbridled lambasting had become widespread and that criminal charges could not be pressed whenever someone was maligned. Furthermore, suspects could only be indicted when there was prima facie evidence of an attempt to inflict bodily harm, Rubinstein said at the time.

# PA to check Holocaust denial

Jerusalem Post Staff

A spokesman for the Palestinian Authority said yesterday he would check a report that a Palestinian author made remarks denying the Holocaust on Palestinian TV, adding that "We are against any kind of rhetoric using the sufferings of others like this."

In a TV program on Monday, author Hassan Agha said, "They claim there were six million killed, but precise scientific research demonstrates that there were no more than 400,000 [Jews killed by the Nazis]." He also denied the figure of 1.5 million children killed by the Nazis.

David Bar-Ilan, the prime minister's director of policy planning and communications, said: "It is regrettable that an official outlet of the Palestinian Authority has stooped to Holocaust denial, coupled with an allusion to Jewish venality and greed. It means that Palestinian propaganda is no longer limited to anti-Israel incitement, but has crossed the line to undisguised anti-semitism."

Nabil Abu Rndineh, adviser to Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, said, "We do not allow such remarks on TV and I will check it. I don't know the person involved."

## BACKGROUND

# Ties with S. Korea improving

By HERB KEINON

The dramatic defection to the US recently of North Korea's ambassador to Egypt, and with him secrets about the missiles Pyongyang has reportedly provided Syria, Iraq and Egypt, will likely figure prominently in the two days of talks Prime Minister Netanyahu is holding with the South Korean leadership.

And, as with Netanyahu's visit to Japan, a prime focus of the talks will be on economic ties between the two countries. Netanyahu began the Korean leg of his Far East trip yesterday. Yitzhak Rabin visited South Korea in December 1994, about a year after Seoul opened an embassy in Tel Aviv.

According to the foreign ministry, relations between the two states have developed quickly since the opening of the South Korean embassy

here, and were given a dramatic push by Rabin's visit. Since that time there have been various reports of a South Korean desire to buy Israeli weapon systems. Some \$720 million of bilateral trade was recorded in 1996, as opposed to \$692 million in 1995, and \$430m. in 1994. By comparison, in 1991, the year before Israel re-opened its embassy in Seoul, trade with that Far Eastern economic giant was only \$151m.

Israel enjoys a favorable balance of trade with Korea, having exported \$361m. worth of goods last year, while it imported \$358m. The goods exported to Korea are primarily electronic and medical supplies, and the imports are made up primarily of automobiles and electronics. In 1996 there was a drop in the amount of imports, and a further drop in the first half of 1996. This, according to the foreign ministry, is because the market in Israel for cars, heavy equipment and

household electronics is relatively small. In the last three years there has been an enormous increase in the numbers of Korean tourists, from 13,000 in 1994, to 20,000 in 1995, after the opening of direct Korean Air flights to Israel, and 33,000 in 1996.

Israel and South Korea forged diplomatic ties in 1962, and Israel opened an embassy there two years later. This embassy, however, was closed down by then foreign minister Moshe Dayan in 1979. Depending on who one talks to, the reason for the closure was either an act of reciprocity toward Korea, which refused to open an embassy here, or a diplomatic blunder by Dayan. According to the latter theory, Dayan did not anticipate South Korea's meteoric rise as an economic power, and closed the ministry to cut costs. Efforts to reopen the embassy were rebuffed until 1992.

# IDF closes Hamas charity

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The Judea and Samaria Civil Administration has ordered a Hamas charitable organization closed for two months after searches there found material praising the suicide bombers who killed 14 persons in a Jerusalem market last month. Other material encouraging future terrorist attacks was also found.

Soldiers shut the Islamic Association for Orphans in the village of Bani Naim, near Hebron, late Tuesday night, said civil administration spokesman Lt. Peter Lerner. He said the searches uncovered books, magazines, video tapes, and pamphlets inciting terrorist activity against Israel and praising the suicide bombers.

"The charities are part of the civil infrastructure of Hamas. They are the support system by giving employment, medication, and educational assistance to Palestinians. The committee provided the movement's activists with services, encouragement, and incentive for recruitment to Hamas," he said.

The crackdown on Hamas and Islamic Jihad institutions is part of the ongoing war against terrorist organizations, said Lerner. While the IDF shut down the five-room offices of the Islamic Association for Orphans, its school for 250 orphans remains open.

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# Okev to shooting victims' families: I'm sorry

"I want to apologize to the parents of the tourists," said Daniel Okev, who has confessed to shooting British tourist Jeffrey Max Hunter to death and wounding his girlfriend, Charlotte Gibb, after they took a ride with him from Eilat earlier this month.

"I want them to understand that I didn't mean to do it. This is not me.

They should be strong," he told reporters.

He retold the story of the drive north from Eilat, and how they had stopped for a drink and cigarette break. At one point during the break, he said, "I noticed it was crowded in the back seat, and I suggested that they move their bags to the trunk, which they did.

"As we were moving the bags around, my gun fell out and landed on me between my legs. I went to move the gun and from then I don't remember anything - just waking up with the gun in my hands and them on the ground."

Okev was speaking while waiting for a hearing in Beersheba District Court, on his appeal of the

police refusal to allow him to undergo a psychiatric evaluation immediately.

During the hearing, his lawyer said that such an evaluation should be done now, so that he would not internalize anything his interrogators say to him and he could recall things as accurately as possible.

But the prosecution insisted that having him meet with psychiatrists at this point would interfere with the investigation. When asked by Judge Baruch Azoulay why, attorney Miri Aloni said she could only give the reasons in writing.

Azoulay asked Aloni to submit the reasons in writing, and said he would rule on Okev's appeal tomorrow. (fim)

## ALWAYS

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"I was very upset. I said to her: 'What do you mean, they're not going to be my parents anymore?' But she said: 'No. They are your parents, the ones you love, and the ones you call mother and father.' This is the way things were done then."

Levine said she knew very little else about her adoption until her father died in 1967, and her mother told her the story.

"She told me how father picked me out," she said. "They knew that they couldn't have any children of their own, and they really wanted to be parents. They heard there were children to choose from in the home of a doctor on the Carmel in Haifa, used as a nursery."

Levine said her mother told her that the couple had decided to choose a boy, but when her father passed by her crib, "I laughed at him twice, as if I knew him. My mother told him: 'Let's go look at the boys,' but he said: 'There's no need, I found my little girl.'"

"My mother didn't know much more than that about the adoption. Maybe she asked, but I don't think she got any answers, because she told me she didn't know anything. But I also think people who want to be parents so badly don't ask too many questions."

Levine said that when a new law was passed in 1976 allowing adopted children to get information about their biological parents,

she tried to find out who they were at her mother's instigation, but was rebuffed by welfare authority officials in Haifa.

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in brief

### Bus fares up

Bus fares in the major cities go up from NIS 3.90 to NIS 4.10 from September 1, but some intercity prices will drop. While Jerusalem-Tel Aviv will remain at NIS 16.50, Jerusalem-Bnei Brak will rise from NIS 17 to NIS 17.50, but Jerusalem-Herzliya will drop from NIS 25 to NIS 22. A monthly ticket will rise from NIS 156 to NIS 164 in Jerusalem. *Tim*

### A-G: 'Lerner' name not deliberate

Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein yesterday denied charges that the prosecution was deliberately calling suspected Russian mafia operative Zvi Ben-Ari by his Russian name of Gregory Lerner. Ben-Ari's lawyer, Yoram Shefiel, made the charges in a Channel 2 interview yesterday, saying it was used to connect him more easily to the Russian mafia. But Rubinstein said yesterday that the name appeared on many of the documents connected with his investigation and could not be avoided. *Bathsheva Tsour*

### Masada - the musical

On December 23, the first night of Hanukka and the official start of Israel's 50th anniversary celebrations, Hed Arzi will release the two-disc CD of Shuki Levy's musical Masada. The English-language sound track of the musical's 24 songs, with lyrics by Sheli Danielson, will be recorded by the Moscow Symphony and sung by as-yet unnamed "Broadway stars," according to Levy. A concert version of Masada will have its world premiere on the mountain in October 1998. The fully staged Broadway production is expected to premiere in 1999. Negotiations are under way with such stars as Liza Minelli, Dustin Hoffman, Natalie Cole and Charlton Heston to take part in the Masada concert, but no contracts have yet been signed. *Helen Kaye*

### Teen designs computer system for ambulances

An 18-year-old pupil has been awarded 100 on a five-unit computer matriculation exam for his design of a unique new computer system that will be used to supply real-time information to private ambulances. Tal Zamir of Tel Hashomer worked closely with Yaki Grossman, who is in charge of computerization services of the Miers communications device for Motorola Communications Israel. The new system will be used in Shahal ambulances, allowing medics to obtain personal details about patients to whom they have been dispatched. Ten high school pupils took part this year in a project, in which Motorola introduced youngsters to high-tech industry and encouraged them to plan for an engineering career. *Judy Siegel*

### Panel to probe impact of psychometric exams

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer has decided to establish a committee to investigate the impact of psychometric exams on youngsters, particularly disadvantaged youth. Hammer, who serves as chairman of the Council of Higher Education, noted the tests were a major criteria for gaining acceptance into the nation's universities. This, he said, has led to the development of an entire "industry" that prepares pupils for them. Hammer said the time has come to investigate how these tests affect pupils from the weaker sectors of society. He said the ministry has begun sponsoring its own preparation classes for pupils from disadvantaged neighborhoods. *Aryeh Dean Cohen*

### Ethiopian pupils to get extra hours

The Education Ministry plans to invest NIS 34 million to help Ethiopian immigrant children advance in school by adding 17,000 additional weekly hours for them. Some 16,800 Ethiopian immigrant pupils have been absorbed in the schools or kindergartens. Some 4,000 high-schoolers are currently in boarding schools. The ministry has also been working to produce textbooks in Amharic and identify outstanding pupils. Efforts are also under way to help those who dropped out of school and to provide computers to needy families. *Aryeh Dean Cohen*

# High school teachers threaten strike

The Secondary School Teachers Association announced yesterday its 40,000 members would not open the school year on Monday unless they receive a written commitment to cancel the firings of tenured teachers and to restore job slots that have been eliminated. The teachers involved number some 500, union chairman Ran Erez told a press conference in Tel Aviv. "The Education Ministry so far refuses to give us such a commitment," he said. "We are no longer willing to be satisfied with a verbal 'It'll be okay.' " "Until we see with our own eyes that these tenured teachers who were fired have returned to work, that jobs which were cut have been reinstated, and that the school hours that have been cut are restored, we will not open the school year." Erez accused Education Minister Zevulun Hammer and Director-General Benzion Dell of deceit. "The educational system has been cut and they are presenting the budget for a long school-day as if it were a great victory, while it had to come into being anyway after the Knesset approved it. "The big cut in the Education Ministry's budget reflects the policy of the government, which changed the priorities and doesn't consider education to be at the top. The country doesn't have any oil or gold other than its human resources. This is what is most worthwhile investing in, and if we don't invest we'll have to pay for it in a few years."

The teachers who were fired come from both the technological-scientific and academic streams in vocational schools. Most of those dismissed come from schools in Or Yehuda, Ashdod, Yehud, Acre, Kiryat Yam, and Rosh Ha'ayin. In another effort to avert a strike, Teachers Union secretary Avraham Ben-Shabbat yesterday sent a letter to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu urging him not to allow the education budget to be cut. (lum)



Da-Vid Rosental, 16, of Sydney, Australia (center), the winner of the Olympiada annual science competition, relaxes at the end of the contest in Haifa yesterday with second-place winner Philip Zeyliger, 15, of California, (left) and fourth-place winner, Israeli Alon Kinast, 14.

## Aussie teen wins science competition

By JUDY SIEGEL

A 16-year-old high school pupil from Australia has won first place in the Olympiada annual science competition, organized by the Recanati National Science Museum and the Technion in Haifa and whose theme this year was telecommunications science and technology. Da-Vid Rosental from Sydney won NIS 7,500; he was followed by Philip Zeyliger, 15, of California, who won NIS 3,000; 14-year-old Benjamin Lerner of New York, who received NIS 2,000; and 14-year-old Israeli Alon Kinast, who won NIS 1,500. The event, recorded at Channel 1 studios on

Mooday night, was the ninth since the Technion started organizing the science competition for youth, along with the Jewish Agency, the Science and Education ministries and the Haifa Municipality. A total of 3,000 teenagers from Israel, the US, Canada, England and Australia took part in the various stages of the competition, and the 12 highest scorers were invited here for the contest. The aim of the Olympiada is to boost interest among Israeli and Diaspora youngsters in science and encourage them to consider a career in science and technology. Previous themes included energy, sports science, light, earth sciences, water and sound. According to Recanati National Science

Museum director Prof. Ya'acov Dori, next year's contest will focus on "Chemistry: Secrets of the Elements." Among the questions participants addressed this time were why satellite transmission stations are located in valleys rather than on hills (because the hills protect the station from microwave interference used for inter-city telecommunications); why one can often see a shadow on the TV screen (because the antenna sometimes receives signals bounced back by various objects that show up as a shadow); and why one shouldn't try to hear a concert over regular phone lines (because conventional phone lines have too narrow a band to transmit the richness of the tone).

## Geula Even to replace Chaim Yavin

By HELEN KAYE

In a generational changing of the guard, Geula Even, 25, will replace Chaim Yavin from October 5 as top anchor of Channel 1's nightly news program, *Mabat*. She will have an

as-yet-unnamed male partner. Even got her start in broadcasting at IDF Radio, where she moved from news reporter to anchor and then editor. She joined Channel 1 four years ago as one of the hosts of *Good Morning, Israel*, and a year ago became co-anchor on the Friday night *Journal* together with Yisrael Segal. Yavin resigned in July after three decades on Channel 1, and is moving to Channel 2 where he will present a weekly 60 Minutes-style magazine program from December. In replacing the veteran Yavin with a newcomer like Even, Channel 1 is seen as trying to counter Channel 2's popular young duo of evening news anchors, Ya'acov Eilon and Miki Haimovich. A number of names are being bandied about as the leading contenders to serve as Even's co-anchor, among them Arab affairs correspondent Ehud Ya'ari, former Washington correspondent Ya'acov Ahimeir and sportscaster Meir Einstein.

## No more school health fees

By JUDY SIEGEL

The district health offices are prepared for the new school year, as responsibility for supervision of health services in educational institutions returns to them from the local authorities. A total of NIS 68 million has been allocated by the Treasury to cover the expenses, which will not require parents to pay a school health fee. In addition, the ministry is preparing lessons on health promotion that will be part of the school curriculum.

More doctors and public health nurses have been assigned to the district health offices, and the project is being coordinated by Dr. Adaya Barkai, head of the ministry's mother-and-child department. The program includes vaccination and medical examinations, health promotion, first aid, a medical registry, school sanitation, and participation of school doctors and nurses in parent-teacher assemblies.

Last year's supply of health services by the municipalities was regarded as a failure, as they hired manpower agencies to save money and many parents complained the services were substandard or non-existent. The parents' association refused to pay school health fees, arguing that such services should have been paid for by health taxes on income. The following vaccinations will be given to pupils this year: measles, rubella, mumps, and polio in the first grade; diphtheria and tetanus in the third grade; rubella (to both boys and girls) in sixth grade; a tuberculin skin test in seventh grade.

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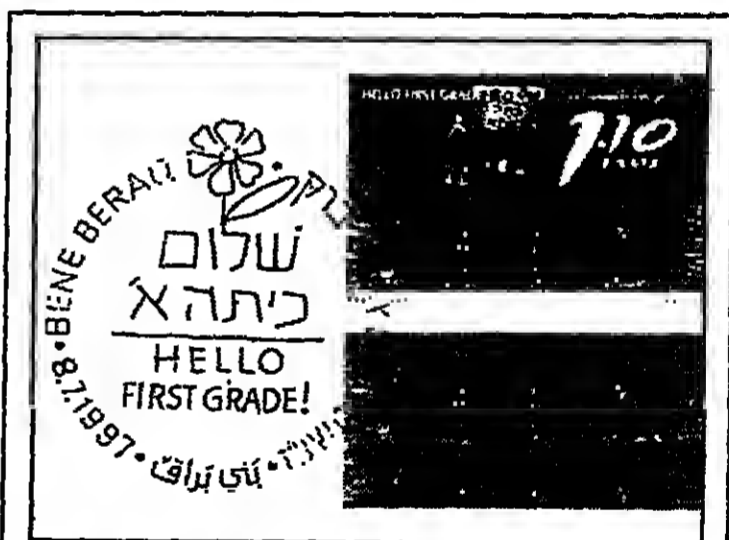
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First grade stamp. Every child entering first grade next Monday will receive a postcard with the new 'Hello, First Grade' stamp (above) to cut out and use as a name tag on the first day of school. The surprise was initiated by the Postal Authority and carried out by the Education Ministry. Navit Mangasha, a 12-year-old immigrant from Ethiopia who lives in Bnei Brak, is the artist who provided the drawing for the NIS 1.10 stamp, which shows a classroom from the vantage point of a fly on the ceiling. The stamp will be issued next week by the Israel Philatelic Service. (Text: Judy Siegel)

## U2 concert moved to Hayarkon Park

U2's September 30 concert, which had been slated for National Stadium in Ramat Gan, is being moved to Tel Aviv's Hayarkon Park, after police decided that certain older sections of the stadium stands do not meet current standards, and that adjustments would have to be made in admitting and letting out the crowds in those sections. Upon learning this, the concert's promoter, Ze'ev Isaacs, decided to move the concert to the park, and received police approval to do so. Some 20,000 tickets sold for National Stadium will be honored at the new venue, organizers said. The six-ticket limit that had been in force remains. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

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# Report: China, Russia sign \$100m. military contract

MOSCOW (AP) - China, already a major buyer of Russian weapons, signed a contract yesterday for \$100 million worth of military supplies, a Russian news agency reported.

ITAR-Tass gave no details of the deal, completed during the visit of a Chinese delegation led by Liu Huaqing, vice chairman of China's Central Military Commission.

Russian-Chinese relations have "a positive character like never before," Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin was quoted as saying, during talks yesterday with Huaqing.

Since the Chinese delegation arrived Sunday, officials from the two countries have discussed the supply of spare parts for aircraft that Russia sold to China and implemen-

tion of a licensing agreement for China to manufacture advanced Su-27 fighter planes.

They also discussed the construction of destroyers for China, Russian reports said.

The Chinese officials urged Russia to do a better job of providing maintenance for military equipment after it is sold, ITAR-Tass said.

The two sides also talked about covering Russia's debt to China with military supplies. No details were available on the amount of debt, believed to be the result of the import of Chinese consumer goods during Soviet times.

Before leaving Russia on September 4, the Chinese delegation plans to visit defense industry plants

in Yekaterinburg, Novosibirsk and Khabarovsk.

China has been spending heavily in recent years to improve its defense industry and has looked increasingly to Moscow, once its bitter rival in the socialist world, Russian weapons-exporting officials say China is their top customer after India, although no exact figures are available.

Russia has been promoting ties with Beijing in part to counter NATO's eastward expansion and the influence of the United States in the post-Cold War world.

Moscow also needs new customers for its weapons and technical expertise, and China, with its booming economy, is a logical market.

# Sweden to probe forced sterilizations

By SIMON HAYDON

STOCKHOLM (Reuters) - The Swedish government said yesterday it would set up an official commission to investigate why 60,000 women were forcibly sterilized between 1936 and 1976.

Social Affairs Minister Margo Wallstrom, struggling to deal with revelations that have stunned many Swedes, said the commission would seek to shed historical light on why the sterilizations were performed. She said the question of whether victims who are still alive, believed to number between 20,000 and 25,000, should be compensated or receive an official apology would be considered.

The revelations by daily newspa-

per *Dagens Nyheter* last week have created considerable negative publicity for Sweden abroad and Wallstrom said the issue was already affecting Sweden's image.

Opposition leader Carl Bildt and other politicians have called for an inquiry.

"Swedish society risks being damaged unless we carry out a serious, fundamental and impartial investigation of this period in Swedish history," Bildt said.

Political analysts say the issue risks being submerged by party politics as the sterilization campaign was introduced and conducted by the Social Democratic Party, which has dominated 20th century Swedish politics and which rules today. But social democrats point

out that there was no political resistance to the legislation in sterilize women of "inferior" racial types or who had "mixed" racial features. Nordic countries, pursuing the pseudo-science of Eugenics in the 1920s, pioneered the practice of sterilizing women to weed out what were considered by pure-blooded Aryans to be inferior types.

The practice was developed by social scientists who developed close ties with German counterparts. Adolf Hitler is most famous proponent of such views. Switzerland, which like Sweden is a neutral country, sterilized mentally handicapped patients against their will under a law passed in 1928, a copy of which was

requested by Hitler, a Swiss historian said.

In Sweden the sterilizations began in 1935, peaking in 1946 and were not stopped until 1976. Officially voluntary, victims say they were ordered to sign permission slips or risk losing the children they already had and all benefits.

Most of the victims were "inferior" or of "poor or mixed racial quality," meaning people with learning difficulties, from poor families or who were not of the common Nordic blood stock. One victim, 72-year-old Maria Nordin, said she was viewed as educationally "inferior" because she had no glasses as a child and could not see the school blackboard.

### ANALYSIS

## Limited impact seen from North Korea envoy's asylum

By MOON HILWAN

SEOUL (Reuters) - Dire economic straits will stop Pyongyang from abandoning overtures to the West despite its anger at Washington's decision to grant asylum to two North Korean defectors, political analysts said.

North Korea yesterday demanded that Washington hand over its ambassador to Egypt and his brother, whom it said defected to the US to avoid punishment for embezzling public funds and leaking state secrets.

However, North Korea watchers said they did not believe that formation peace talks, the goal of Washington's policy of cautious engagement with Pyongyang, was threatened. They noted that an acute food shortage forced Pyongyang to accept the talks, involving Seoul as well as Beijing and Washington, despite its reluctance to deal with South Korea.

"The North will probably bring up the defection and an extradition

demand, but it can't afford to change its policy to break out of international isolation," Seoul Deputy Foreign Minister Lee Ho told Reuters. "Our government does not expect the defection to have any major impact on dialogues with Pyongyang. The North sees better ties with the US as an exit from economic ruin."

A North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman said: "In view of international law on extradition, the criminals must be extradited to the DPRK [North Korea] and be brought to justice."

"Any individual or authority that conceals or protects the criminals will be considered to have been involved in their crimes and will be made to bear due responsibility," he said.

Jang Seung-gil, who went missing from his embassy in Cairo on Friday, is a Middle East expert and the most senior Pyongyang diplomat to betray his impoverished homeland. His brother Jang Seung-ho was a diplomat in Paris.

Yu Suk-ryul, a fellow at the state-

funded Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security, said the North had to issue a statement criticizing the fleeing diplomats for domestic political purposes.

"Both the United States and North Korea have been careful not to offend each other," Yu said, noting Pyongyang refrained from accusing Washington of kidnapping the diplomats, while US officials played down the significance of the defection. North Korea watchers said ambassador Jang could reveal secrets on his country's arms sales, particularly Pyongyang's missile sales to Iran, Syria and Libya. Egypt was Pyongyang's Middle East headquarters and defense analysts said Jang had access to innermost information on military cooperation and arms sales to Arab countries.

Yu pointed out that the North focused its comments on what it said were irregularities by the Jang brothers.

"The brothers had been dismissed

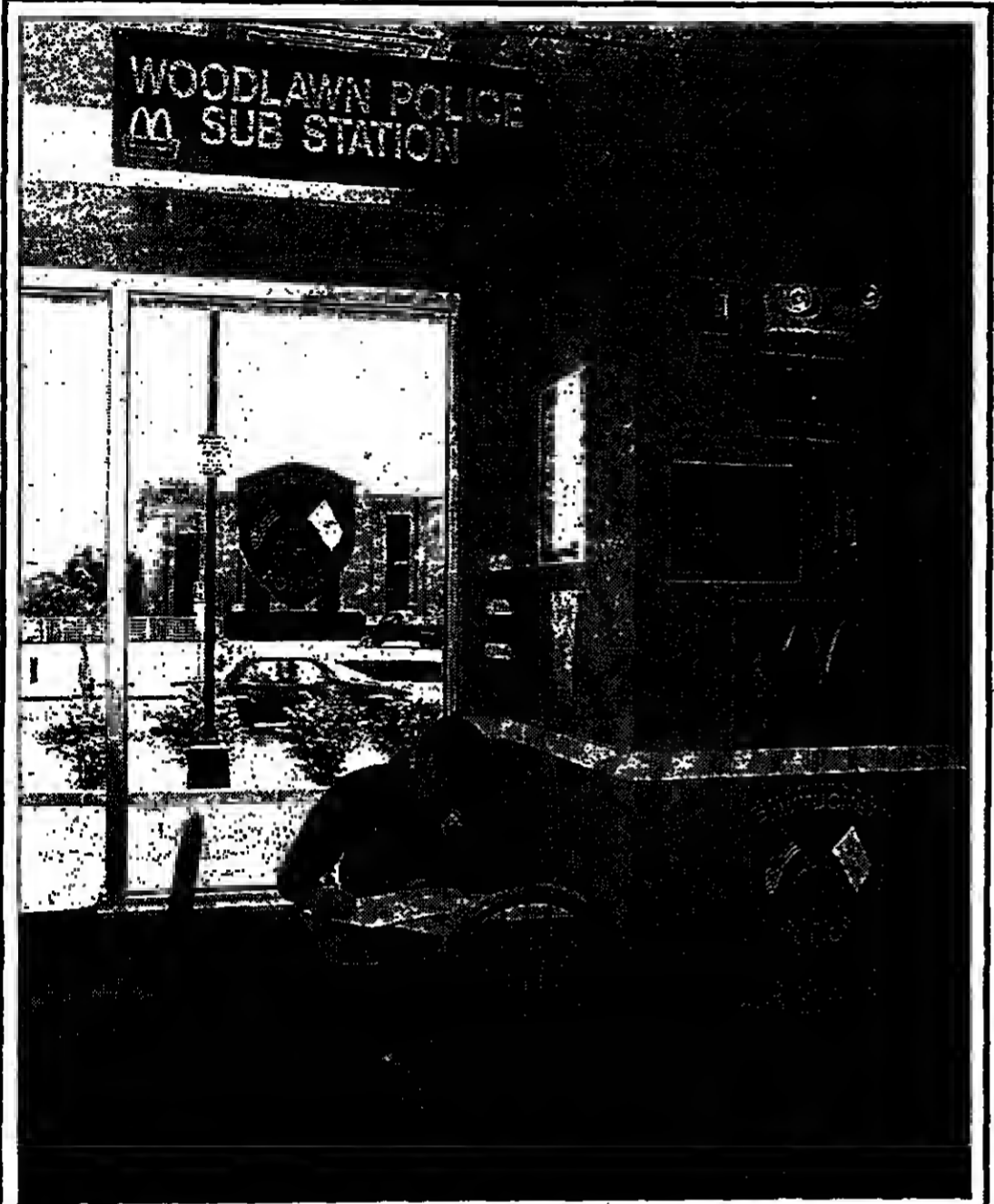
from their posts in late July and been ordered to return home for judicial investigation for embezzlement of a large sum of public funds, degeneration and leakage of state secrets," the Pyongyang spokesman said. "They are thought to have escaped for fear of legal punishment over their crimes."

Washington was quick to state that the defections did not mean the North's Stalinist elite was losing control.

"We do not believe that this action is a manifestation of any crisis in the leadership of any kind," State Department spokesman James Rubin said. "We don't believe this will have any effect on the missile talks nor do we believe this will have any effect on the four-party talks."

Pyongyang and Washington were due to resume missile talks in New York later yesterday.

Another State Department official said North Korea had given "positive confirmation" on Tuesday morning that the missile talks would go ahead.



Police officer Christopher McVay works on some paperwork inside the new Pawtucket Police Department's sub-station at a McDonald's last month. (AP)

## McDonald's new line of business: Police McStations

By RACHEL ZOLL

PAWTUCKET, Rhode Island (AP) - He's been seen hanging out with the Hamburglar and may even sneak a French fry or two, but don't let that fool you.

Ronald McDonald has joined community policing programs with mini police substations at some restaurants in at least five states.

The cops aren't looking for people cheating on their diets, rather, they provide a place for police to get some paperwork done while socializing with the locals.

"The restaurant is like a neighborhood contact point. You can walk in and see officers and talk to them, and see that the officer is approachable," Pawtucket Police Cmdr. Bob Morris said.

The first McStation opened in Texas in the early 1990s under a program managed by individual owners, not through McDonald's Corp.

In Washington, DC, 33 restaurants opened substations last year, while 13 opened in May in nearby Prince George's County in Maryland. Substations also have opened in Hartford, Connecticut and Chicago.

The booths are out always staffed. Officers drop in when time permits to fill out forms without leaving the beat, and to chat with customers. The station at the Pawtucket restaurant, which opened in April, is simple, consisting of a phone and a stack of incident reports on pastel tables with salt and pepper shakers.

Still, the police presence is as thick as a McDonald's milkshake. Blue-and-gold police shields are sandwiched between cheeseburger ads in the front window. Several smaller shields adorn the doors and a sign reading "Reserved for Pawtucket Police" hangs near the work station.

"When I was growing up, we all knew the police," said Mary

Navics, who owns three Maryland McDonald's that have substations. "Sometimes, our young customers don't understand that their police are also the coaches of the local soccer team. It's another way to foster that relationship."

The enlightenment works both ways.

"It's more than just a police officer passing through. They are going to be sitting there, initiating conversations. They're going to be able to better understand the community at large," said Karl Bickel, spokesman for the Community Policing Consortium, a Washington-based group that helps communities and police work together.

The police have had a mixed reaction to the substitution program. Some say it's taking community policing to an extreme. But Lt. Scott Dunklee, who oversees community policing for Maryland's Prince George's County, likes the idea.

## Defector's wife was favorite of North Korean leader

By JANE LEE

SEOUL (Reuters) - The wife of Pyongyang's envoy to Egypt, now in the US after defecting with her husband, was a beautiful and gifted actress who caught the eye of North Korean leader Kim Jong-il.

Kim's fascination with Choe Hae-ok ensured her husband's unusually swift ascent up Pyongyang's foreign ministry career ladder, according to one of her former colleagues, who herself defected and now lives in Seoul.

"Choe Hae-ok was almost always invited to Kim Jong-il's weekend parties, and it was widely known in Pyongyang that she was his favourite," Shin Young-hee told reporters yesterday.

Choe, now in her 40s, was the nearest thing to a Hollywood diva

in North Korea. She was famous for her leading role in the revolutionary opera, "The flower-selling virgin."

Kim, 55, was then the culture tsar of the reclusive communist nation, a movie buff, playboy and bon vivant. At his weekend drinking parties, he would play matchmaker by circulating pictures of up-and-coming government officials to the 10 or so starlets he invited to perform song-and-dance routines. The women were the leading lights of a 100-strong troupe under Kim's personal direction.

Shin said she believed Choe picked her husband, Jang Seung-gil, from one of the photographs.

Jang soared through the bureaucracy. He was promoted to vice-foreign minister in charge of the Middle East in his early 40s, and



Choe Hae-ok, the wife of former N. Korean ambassador to Egypt Jang Seung-gil, is shown in an undated file photo. (Reuters)

at a relatively youthful 46 was appointed ambassador to Egypt, North Korea's regional headquarters.

"A lot of people say her husband was quickly promoted thanks to his wife's popularity with Kim Jong-il," said Shin, who defected in 1995 in London with her foreign exchange dealer husband.

"Jang Seung-gil was only permitted to go abroad after his wife retired from the dance troupe," Shin said. "I think they must have felt disgust toward Kim Jong-il, similar to most North Koreans working abroad, and finally they mustered up the courage to defect."

Shin said she did not know Jang, and had only briefly seen him once. The couple have a son, who according to South Korean media reports defected to Canada last year.

## Britain bans sale of 'herbal high' drugs

LONDON (Reuters) - Britain has cracked down on the illegal sale of products containing "herbal high" drugs such as ginseng and yohimbe bark.

Suppliers of herbal high products, carrying names like Drim'd Fantasy, Skull Cap and Road Runner, will in future face prosecution if they do not have the necessary license, the government said yesterday.

"These drugs imitate the effects of such widely known illegal drugs as cannabis or Ecstasy, but claim to be without the legal or health risks. Yet these herbal high drugs... are very dangerous and can be killers," Health Minister Alan Milburn said in a statement.

Officials had identified a number of retailers selling products openly which, under existing law, required a license because of the "medicinal"

substances they contained, Milburn said.

"They target the sales to young people who may not be aware of the dangers," he said.

The retailers were warned they were breaking the law but Milburn said sale of the "herbal highs" has not stopped.

"Direct action is now the only option to protect the public," he said.

Those not complying with the law will now face prosecution, he said.

Herbal high products are often sold in clubs, specialist outlets known as "head shops" and at rock festivals. The statement said ginseng was known to cause a form of psychosis while Yohimbe is potentially hazardous when used with some common cough medicine.

## Heavy fighting erupts around Cambodian-Thai border

By GRANT PECK

CHONG CHOM PASS, Thailand (AP) - Intense fighting with heavy artillery, mortars and small arms erupted yesterday between warring Cambodian factions, killing two Thai soldiers who several shells strayed over the border.

The fighting was the heaviest in two weeks around the Cambodian border village of O'Smach, where outnumbered and outgunned soldiers loyal to deposed co-premier Prince Norodom Ranariddh have put up a stubborn defense against strongman Hun Sen's army.

Observers speculated Hun Sen's forces were launching a final assault against Ranariddh's forces, who have held out against long odds from hilltop positions heavily ringed by mines for two weeks.

After a morning of intermittent exchanges, Hun Sen's artillery opened up at 3 p.m. with a heavy barrage of O'Smach, setting afire a wooden stall at an open air market. The market and O'Smach village have been abandoned since August 19, when 22,000 civilians sought refuge in Thailand.

One shell apparently bit an ammunition store, which cracked with exploding bullets and rocket-propelled grenades.

The barrage died down after half an hour and was followed by an intense exchange of machine gun and small arms fire as Hun Sen's men apparently tried to move forward.

Further artillery exchanges continued through the afternoon, with several rounds landing in Thailand, smashing a gatehouse and pinning down a dozen journalists. One TV cameraman was blown off his feet but was uninjured.

Thailand riposted with five artillery rounds, warning the Cambodian gunners to keep the fighting on their side. The Thai army moved journalists away from the fighting to a road checkpoint about a kilometer from the frontier.

The general target of the assault appeared to be positions commanded by Gen. Khan Savoeun, one of Ranariddh's top commanders.

Earlier, three blood-covered pro-Ranariddh soldiers were brought to the border and allowed across for medical treatment.

In Phnom Penh, Hun Sen again rejected an appeal by Ranariddh to call a cease-fire as a sign of welcome to King Norodom Sihanouk, who returns to his troubled land tomorrow to pray for peace.

The heavy assault indicated Hun Sen intends to finish the resistance at O'Smach before the king's arrival.

## Diana spares no one in newspaper interview

PARIS (AP) - Princess Diana of Wales attacked Britain's previous conservative government as "hopeless," the media as "ferocious" and even had harsh words for the royal family in an interview that appeared yesterday in the French daily *Le Monde*.

Diana said Tory government criticism of her trip to Angola earlier this year had "ruined" her efforts there to draw attention to her campaign to end the use of land mines.

The princess also lashed out at the media, accusing it of trying to find only fault with her and her efforts to help destitute children and people with AIDS and end the use of land mines.

"The press is ferocious. It forgives nothing and is only hunting down mistakes. Each act is twisted, each gesture criticized," the princess said.

"I think it's different overseas. I'm welcomed with kindness.... In Great Britain, it's the contrary," said the princess. "I think in my place any sane person would have left a long time ago. But I can't. I have my sons."

The princess granted the *Le Monde* interview, which was conducted two months ago at Diana's residence at Kensington Palace in London, after the newspaper asked if she would talk about her favorite picture. Diana selected a picture of herself with a young Pakistani boy taken in 1996. The sick boy died shortly after she had held him in her

arms, and she said the photo was very dear to her.

The princess praised the current Labor government, which supports a ban on land mines.

"[The Labor government] is going to do great work. Its predecessor was so hopeless," Diana said in the *Le Monde* interview.

She added that she was not engaged in "politics," but in "humanitarian" efforts.

Part of the interview was devoted to her family and her sons, whom she said she had tried to impart with her concern for the disadvantaged, which she said she had learned from her father.

"I feel very close to people, no matter who they are. That is why I disturb certain cir-

cles. Because I am much closer to the people down below than those on top and the latter won't forgive me for that," Diana said.

"My father always taught me to treat anybody like an equal. I always did, and I am sure that Harry and William have learned that too," she said, referring to her two sons.

French journalist Annick Cojean, who conducted the interview, wrote in *Le Monde* that the princess appeared to be very natural, very determined and very independent, qualities that apparently had caused her to doubt herself during her marriage to Prince Charles.

"From the day I entered that family, nothing, anyway, could be done naturally," Diana told *Le Monde*.



# Central Asia's rude awakening

The post-Soviet Moslem republics face diplomatic pressures from abroad and cultural-economic challenges from within

By SUSAN SACHS

**BAKU, Azerbaijan** - Every evening people escape their hot, cramped apartments and stroll the wide boardwalk along the Caspian Sea, breathing in the smell of crude oil, backfiring Soviet-made cars and grilled shish kebabs with the tepid summer air.

Giggling Russian girls in miniskirts and stiletto heels point at the Iranian women in toe-length overcoats and tightly fitted scarves who shuffle behind their husbands. Laughing Azeri families, dressed in the ubiquitous rayon dresses and primed polyester shirts sold in all the new Turkish shops downtown, share warm bottles of Coca-Cola.

When the Soviet Union was alive, Azerbaijan was one of the most sequestered places in the world. Like the other front-line Moslem republics ranged along the Communist empire's southern flank, it formed an impenetrable barrier against the outside world. Foreigners could not look in. Insiders dared not look out.

But Central Asia and the Caucasus have awakened like Rip van Winkle. History shook the kaleidoscope and rearranged the cultural, economic and diplomatic pieces.

And while most ordinary peo-

ple still wait to be delivered from lives of poverty and political corruption, their once-closed nations are under brisk assault from the outside world and its money, Islamic politics and diplomatic intrigues.

The scene on the Baku boardwalk is repeated throughout the region, where city streets buzz with American oilmen, Turkish religious teachers, Iranian traders, Pakistani military advisers, European bankers and Russian spies. For some of these outsiders, especially US and European oil companies, the prize is the enormous mineral wealth lying under the Caspian Sea and in the vast desert wastes that stretch across much of Central Asia.

Estimates vary, but experts generally agree that Caspian basin energy reserves rival, at the very least, those of the volatile Persian Gulf and the storm-cursed North Sea. Gas reserves, principally in the desert of sparsely populated Turkmenistan, are the third-largest in the world.

For others, the prize is renewed political and religious influence in an area that, by virtue of geography, is one of the world's oldest trade crossroads.

Turkey, for instance, regards the region as its linguistic and ethnic backyard. Thanks to a



Islam, long suppressed by the Soviets, is experiencing a revival in Uzbekistan.

thousand years of attack and conquest, people are mostly Turkic-speaking. Religious tra-

ditions, both in the permissive mainstream Islam and in the mystic Moslem Sufi brother-

hoods that flourished throughout the area for centuries, have Turkish roots.

The modern Turkish model of relations between religion and state subordinates Islam to secular power. That appeals to the region's strongman rulers, and most have welcomed efforts by the Turkish Diyanet, or state religious ministry, to open spacious new mosques, schools and Islamic institutes, and to sponsor training of hundreds of would-be imams.

For all its good intentions, however, the Turkish government has been unable to match the buying power of private Turkish religious groups that have a more zealous and decidedly more conservative view of Islam. Although under fire from secularists at home, they have found a niche in the old Soviet republics, where public education has collapsed for lack of money.

These religious foundations have opened dozens of low-cost private high schools throughout the region that not only offer a heavy dollop of Islamic studies, but actively discourage such secular teenage pursuits as dancing and music.

The West, the United States in particular, encourages Turkey's ambitions to bring the newly independent Moslem states into its orbit and reduce their dependency on Russian trade, transit routes and military might.

But tugging from the south is also Iran, which claimed its own privileged cultural and political role in the region.

Just as its power to export fundamentalism to the Middle East was waning and US economic sanctions began to bite, Iran saw its entire northern border suddenly opened to a new world of opportunities for propaganda and trade with its Moslem neighbors of the former Soviet Union.

In the political sphere, Iran first focused on the mountainous little nation of Tajikistan, which has a substantial Shiite Moslem minority and speaks a variant of the Persian language, Farsi. Iran set itself up first as a sponsor of the Tajik Islamic opposition movement there, and then, after a few years of civil war fueled by clan conflict and fundamentalism, positioned itself as a peace-broker.

But there are built-in frustrations to Iranian aspirations in the region, especially in next-door Azerbaijan. Iran is home to 21 million ethnic Azeris - three times the number in oil-rich and free-wheeling Azerbaijan itself. That's a statistic that makes officials on both sides of the border nervous.

"Iran is concerned that the Azeris' rather loose Islam will infect their brethren across the border or that independent Azerbaijan will become a magnet," said a Western diplomat in Baku, speaking on condition of anonymity. "The Azeris fear an infiltration of Islamic fundamentalism."

Indeed, Islam, long suppressed by the Soviet regime, is being revived in the region as a convenient symbol of rejuvenated national identity. But the controls are Soviet-style: Only those Moslem prayer leaders and teachers who pay obeisance to the ruling regimes are allowed to operate without harassment in most countries, leaving more radical Islamic groups to ferment dangerously underground.

In some countries, Uzbekistan and Azerbaijan for example, Islamic activists have been jailed by the dozen. The leaders justify their hard line by pointing to their neighbors, where Islam and politics have already coalesced to topple secular rulers.

In particular, the bloody civil war in neighboring Afghanistan, where various clans practicing differing degrees of Islamic radicalism still fight for control of the war-ravaged country, reverberates over Central Asia like the thunder of an approaching storm.

So far, the only Islamic political party operating openly in the newly independent states is in Tajikistan. The party, the United Tajik Opposition, waged war on the Moscow-backed regime, and its leader, Said Abdullah Nuri, is set to share power with it under a recently signed peace accord.

Even if Tajikistan's Islamists prove too weak or preoccupied to influence their neighbors in Central Asia and the Caucasus, homegrown poverty, unemployment and repression could achieve the same result.

"Three years ago, I would have said there could be no religious activism here," said Layla Unisova, a secular political opposition leader in Azerbaijan, where few Moslem families fail to wrestle open a forbidden bottle of wine or champagne for a special meal. "But let's face it, we live on the border of the Islamic world. If people stay hungry, with no food and no education, religious fundamentalism has fertile ground to grow."

In the 19th and early part of the 20th centuries, Central Asia saw a spate of uprisings led by charismatic Moslem preachers against Russia's imperial occupation.

Passing through those old powder kegs in the countryside of what is now Uzbekistan, the traveler finds it hard to imagine them as vanguards of a holy war. The only movement is the splashing of naked children in mud puddles and the staggering of oxen in the humid heat.

Dusty, dun-colored buildings sit like giant blocks of concrete dumped on the flat landscape. But the real Technicolor life of traditional Central Asia flourishes, as it always has, inside family compounds. Sunflowers as high as dinner plates sway in the gardens. Apricot trees hang heavy with summer fruit. Hand-dyed silk cushions in pinks, corals and yellows provide seating.

In the countryside, the mood is bleak and often angry that religious freedom has come with limits and conditions.

"This government is against Islam," said a young woman in the Uzbekistani town of Margilan who risks arrest by secretly teaching the Koran to neighborhood girls. "There is no work. We can barely afford bread. And now they want to keep us from our religion."

Outside the capitals of the region, prosperity is a distant dream.

Industry and agriculture have barely been restructured after decades of Soviet central planning. Banks are starting from scratch in learning about letters of credit and trade. The development that has occurred reflects the whims and contrasting priorities of each autocratic ruler.

Take oil-rich Azerbaijan, which has signed production-sharing contracts worth billions of dollars with oil companies from around the world but done little to improve on its sullen, old Soviet-style service or crumbling Soviet-era infrastructure. Most roads remain potholed dirt tracks. Rusting derricks and pipes, abandoned decades ago, litter filthy roadsides.

Nor has independence paid much of a dividend to ordinary people in Turkmenistan. It, too, is crumbling. Natural-gas production dropped to a fraction of its Soviet-era level.

Still, the expectation of wealth has been redeemed for the elite. The Turkmen capital, Ashkhabad hums with new construction. At the edge of the city, spread out at the foot of gray-green desert mountains as Las Vegas, shines a strip of 29 marble-trimmed hotels.

Each was built by a different government ministry and lacks for nothing but paying guests. The minarets of soaring new mosques, illuminated inside by shimmering imported chandeliers, poke above the skyline. New parks studded with luxuriant fountains dot the city, even though most apartment buildings have water for only a few hours each day.

The portrait of President Saparmurad Niyazov, who calls himself Turkmenbashi, or leader of the Turkmen, hangs outside every building.

"The potential in Central Asia is tremendous, especially in Turkmenistan because of its proximity to Turkey and the (Persian) Gulf," said Richard Pitchford, vice-president of the Central Asian-American Enterprise Fund, who has worked in Uzbekistan and now runs the small-business loan agency's office in the Turkmen capital.

"What's missing is government political will to do the job," he added. "There's no doubt this is a dictatorship and from top to bottom, it's corrupt."

Foreign businesses have to learn to live with the rampant corruption and a system where family connections, tribal links and bribes count. Azerbaijan's President Heidar Aliyev appointed his son as vice-president of the powerful state oil company. In Uzbekistan, President Islam Karimov's son-in-law controls the lucrative Coca-Cola business.

But things are changing. Nepotism and being part of the elite are still important but more and more it's money - American dollars, if you please - that counts.

"It doesn't matter if you're white, brown or yellow, or what religion or tribe you come from," said a cafe owner in Ashkhabad, one of the handful of local entrepreneurs who have started private businesses. "The only thing that matters is if you can pay the right bureaucrats." (Newsday)

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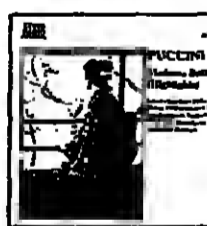
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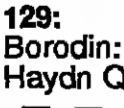
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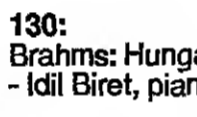
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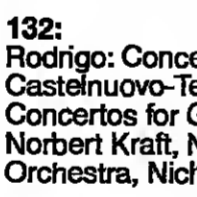
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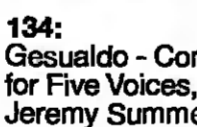
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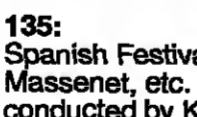
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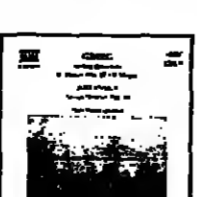
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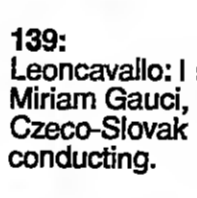
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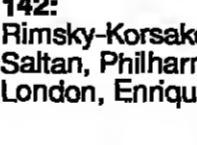
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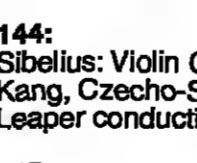
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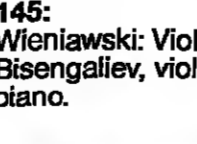
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# A Jewish mother's nightmare

## To reduce the glut of doctors, the US will subsidize teaching hospitals not to train residents

By AMY GOLDSTEIN

WASHINGTON — In a highly unorthodox initiative aimed at alleviating a growing glut of physicians, the federal government has agreed to pay hospitals around the country hundreds of millions of dollars not to train doctors.

The initiative, embedded in the new federal budget agreement, extends to all 1,025 of the nation's teaching hospitals, an offer similar to a controversial experiment approved for New York earlier this year. That experiment, which will pay New York hospitals \$400 million over the next several years, as they gradually decrease the number of young doctors they train, drew an outcry from teaching hospitals elsewhere that felt New York had wangled a lucrative special deal. Their protests attracted the sympathy of congressional Republicans who decided that, instead of trying to block the money for New York, they would expand the opportunity nationwide.

The payments represent a rare attempt by the federal government to use subsidies as a leverage to shrink a particular workforce. "I know of no profession where there has been as much federal effort to regulate," said Uwe Reinhardt, a health economist at Princeton University. "You don't do it for economists, for architects, for engineers."

The payments also are the government's first effort to constrict the pipeline of people entering the medical profession. Several influential groups have warned lately that the nation has too many doctors, particularly specialists, and have urged the federal government to impose limits on the number of recent medical school graduates, known as residents, who pursue several years of advanced training before beginning to work on their own. But until now that advice has met with legislative resistance.

The New York experiment and the nationwide initiative hinge on changes in Medicare, the large federal insurance program for the elderly and disabled. Since it began, Medicare has underwritten residency training programs heavily and has, in effect, made residents a prized, inexpensive kind of labor for their hospitals. Taxpayers spend \$7b. a year on such training.

Until now, many teaching hospitals have been reluctant to cut back, because every resident translates into an average subsidy of \$100,000 a year. "It has not been financially rewarding to downsize," said Muncy Wheby, associate dean for graduate medical education at the University of Virginia.

Under the budget agreement, hospitals that downsize will not get extra money outright. But if they volunteer to reduce their residency programs by 20 percent or 25% over five years, Medicare will cushion the financial blow. For the first two years, it will pay the whole subsidy for the missing residents. After that, the payments will taper off for three years.

The agreement also for the first time essentially forbids hospitals to increase the

more medical tests and expensive specialty treatment patients tend to receive, because physicians find subtle ways to keep themselves employed.

With more than 700,000 physicians, the United States has more doctors per capita than any other country. In particular, it has a vast supply of specialists, who are starting to find themselves in less demand as more patients are insured through "managed care" plans that favor treatment by lower-

cost medical generalists. In a sign of how dramatically the nation's health system is changing, many teaching hospitals already have started to rethink the size of their training programs despite the economic costs. One reason is that doctors in certain specialties are having trouble finding jobs. And, as managed care shifts more patients' care outside hospitals, some hospitals are afraid they no longer will be able to give residents enough hands-on experience.

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The New York hospital association proposed that perhaps a dozen of the state's 75 teaching hospitals would be interested. Instead, 42 rushed to sign up. "A lot of institutions were sitting on the fence" about whether to train fewer residents, said Kenneth Raske, the association's president. "This pushed them over."

But the special arrangement for New York infuriated teaching hospitals in Boston, Texas and other parts of the country. For example, the parent company that owns Massachusetts General, and Brigham and Women hospitals in Boston, two of the country's most prestigious teaching hospitals, had just set in motion a plan to train 20% fewer specialists, with no federal help.

The experiment also angered the leadership of the House Ways and Means Committee, which had been considering its own ideas for cutting back the number of doctors and felt preempted by Vladeck. "What the administration proposed was a sweetheart deal," said Ari Fleischer, spokesman for the committee's chairman, Rep. Bill Archer (R-Texas).

But, Fleischer said, "the administration did not put its finger on a growing national problem. So Congress thought it was better to extend a good policy to the nation." He said the subsidies were consistent with Republican preferences for market solutions to health-care problems. "It remains a voluntary matter of choice for these teaching hospitals," he said. "It isn't a mandate."

Still, the idea has its critics. "It is voluntary, but it isn't voluntary for the taxpayer," said the Heritage Foundation's Moffit.

Others question whether it is necessary. The number of young doctors training to become anesthesiologists, for example, has declined from about 1,500 three years ago to 450 this year following well-publicized warnings that the field was saturated. Starting a few years ago, "people weren't able to get the plum jobs in the cities they wanted. (They) would have to take jobs in Idaho, Oklahoma," said James Kornell, chairman of anesthesiology at the State University of New York Health Center in Brooklyn.

On the other hand, Jane Matjasko, chairwoman of anesthesiology at the University of Maryland Hospital in Baltimore, said her hospital had to spend extra money to hire 10 doctors after its training program was reduced recently from 40 residents to 20. Without federal help, she said, the hospital could not afford similar cuts in many other programs. (The Washington Post)



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sizes of their residency programs.

Administration health officials and leading Republicans say that the initiative will give hospitals a powerful incentive to train fewer doctors and that Medicare will save money in the long run. After five years, the payments will cease and the program will have fewer residents to underwrite.

But others suggest that hospitals will be rewarded needlessly for cutbacks that some have started to make without being paid to do it.

"I don't know where the hell a Republican Congress gets off doing labor force planning for the medical profession," said Robert E. Moffit, deputy director for domestic policy studies at the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank. "As an economic principle, it is absurd." How many physicians the nation produces has important effects on the cost of the health-care system. The greater the number of doctors, research has shown,

cost medical generalists.

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The New York hospital association pro-

# Left out in the cold

By SALMA AZNEM

KOMSOMOLSK-NA-AMURE, Russia — In this once forbidden city 6,000 km. (3,700 miles) east of Moscow, an imposing statue of Lenin gazes solemnly across the main square.

Letters above a large gate welcome you to the Park of the Shipbuilding Workers, and the Palace of Culture still stands tall at the end of Peace Avenue.

But the park is overgrown and the palace is virtually empty. Komsomolsk, which once embodied the ideals of the Communist Soviet Union founded by Vladimir Lenin, is in a sorry state.

This is hardly an uncommon phenomenon in the old USSR, but in Komsomolsk-na-Amure in Russia's Far East, Lenin's frown could be forgiven for being particularly severe.

The city is faced with more than just the economic hardships that go hand in hand with the near-closure of its factories.

Many among Russia's new rulers believe that cities like this — stamped out of virgin territory in the idealistic early years of the Soviet Union — should never have been built.

"(President Boris) Yeltsin and friends regard Komsomolsk as a legacy of totalitarianism best forgotten as soon as possible," says one Russian Communist Party pamphlet.

Leading reformer and former acting prime minister Yegor Gaidar has been quoted as saying Komsomolsk should have a population of 30,000, not 200,000.

Former Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev described the BAM, the communist "Shock Project" railway that passes through

it was not only these young enthusiasts who labored to build Komsomolsk, but also around 900,000 prisoners from Stalin's Gulag camps as well as many Japanese prisoners of World War II.

On June 12, the town celebrated the 65th anniversary of the arrival of the pioneering "first builders" with parades and fireworks displays. The day coincided with the new Russian Independence Day — but this was seldom mentioned.

The factories, once staffed by top-quality engineers and producing the Soviet Union's most up-to-date military planes and submarines, lie almost idle from a lack of government money.

Along with the demise of the factories has come the end for many cultural institutions, kindergartens, parks, stadiums and clubs that they once supported. Education, hospitals and public transportation are left similarly destitute.

As a result, many unemployed have left, reducing the population from more than 300,000 to around 200,000.

For those remaining, unemployment benefits are meager, and many have been forced to become self-sufficient, surviving by growing their own vegetables and on the plentiful fish of the Amur River despite seven months of snow every year.

Those with jobs are paid so little that they too indulge in these pursuits as well as berry and mushroom picking in the forests, now a necessity rather than a traditional pastime.

Valery Mutin, senior scientist at the Komsomolsk Pedagogical Institute, tops off his salary by digging at his dacha country home in the evenings. A personal telephone in his flat is a luxury, a car an

## The industrial heart of a Far East Russian city has all but stopped beating since the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Komsomolsk, as "the biggest monument to stagnation."

Komsomolsk is little-known outside Russia. Until recently it was a closed city, unmarked on maps and off-limits to foreigners. Since the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, its industrial heart, built by fervent young communists in the 1930s, has all but disappeared.

The steel plant, aircraft factory and shipbuilding works were the reason for the secrecy. The site was ideal for a military complex, isolated yet linked to the Pacific Ocean by the Amur River that marks part of the long border with China.

Members of the Young Communists League (the Komsomol — hence the name Komsomolsk) flocked in their thousands to the forest-covered Amur valley, attracted by romantic notions of a virgin land to be conquered.

"We only want bold, determined people, not afraid of difficulties," said one contemporary letter summoning young women to the region. History has shown that in reality

impossible dream.

But Marina Srednyakova, another employee of the institute, who augments her income by teaching English to eager private students, is optimistic about change. She points to the new availability of goods and existence of satirical political television programs as two examples of positive change.

"We in Russia have suffered terrible hardships before now. Anyone can get a job if they really want to," she said. "People forget the rationing we had and the dreadful accommodation."

Food supplies have often been erratic in Komsomolsk because of its isolation and climate, and basic infrastructure was frequently lacking, with utilities such as water and heating regularly out of action. Many, however, are more nostalgic.

"For those with money, life is better now," said Vladimir, a student at the institute. "But my father is a good engineer who may soon lose his job from the steel mill, and he has no chance of getting another." (Reuters)

# California braces for 18 million more people by 2025

By FAYE HIOR

WASHINGTON — A steady rise in births and a continuing stream of immigrants will add nearly 18 million people to California's population by 2025 — something akin to the entire state of New York moving in, according to the latest projections by the US Census Bureau.

As the nation prepares for Census 2000, demographers are already predicting that the most populous state will continue to grow faster than any other, a trend that could affect everything from the water supply to the morning commute to the lines at the state Department of Motor Vehicles.

"The sheen is back on the state of California," said Jack Kyser, chief economist at the Economic Development Corp. of Los

Angeles County. "People are hearing about the economy coming back. We have become a magnet again for people looking to start careers, people who want to be where the jobs are."

The census projections show that California residents will number 32.5 million in 2000, a relatively modest increase from the 1995 figure of 31.6 million. But demographers expect the population to surge at the start of the 21st century, hitting 49.3 million in 2025.

Although the oombers may sound ominous to some, the growth spurt — in percentage terms — is really no greater than California has experienced since the end of World War II. But how much more an increasingly beleaguered infrastructure, crowded school districts, limited water supply and bursting prison sys-

tem can stand is shaping up as the next-century challenge for policy-makers from City Hall to Congress. And how ingenious they are in their solutions could determine the quality of life for Californians for decades to come.

"To survive and thrive in this new economy we are going to have to think strategically and act quickly, not just sit around and study the damn thing to death," Kyser said. "These census oombers are a call to action — a fire alarm."

Most of the projected increase will come from an anticipated 22 million births. The rest will result from immigration; more than one-third of all immigrants who come to the United States legally and otherwise through 2025 are expected to settle in California — nearly 9 million people. A portion of that total growth will be

offset by deaths.

But state demographers who make forecasts for their own believe the federal projections could be a bit low because it is difficult to get an accurate count of illegal immigrants. Also, the federal oombers assume a continued exodus of Californians to other states, a trend that started during the state's recent recession but already has reversed itself. Indeed, state officials say more people are again moving into California than are moving out.

Just as the recession slowed California's growth, its much-vaunted recovery is expected to attract residents. The Census Bureau predicts that growth in the Northeast and Midwest will begin to slow down after 2000, just as the South and West pick up. California in particular will

zoom, primarily the result of a healthier economy.

One of the state's advantages, economists say, is a geography perfectly positioned to seize on burgeoning international markets. Additionally, the analysts expect the Golden State to draw the masses for the same reasons it always has: a stunning climate and a pioneer quality that attracts risk-takers and enables new industries to take root.

As a result, California should continue to shatter demographic records on a number of fronts, including the highest youth population (the census projects 33 percent of the citizenry will be under 20 years old in 2025) and the most elderly (13 percent over 65). That, in turn, will spell a growing demand for classrooms and elderly care. (Los Angeles Times)

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## Time to come clean

To Israel, the emotional reunion of a mother and daughter after 50 years is usually coupled with stories of concentration camps in war-torn Europe. In the case of Margalit Amosi and Tsila Levine, it was not the Nazis that were to blame for their separation, but still-mysterious events that left dozens of Yemenite Jews believing that their missing children were taken from them for adoption.

The airlift of Yemenite Jews in 1949 and Ethiopian Jews in 1991 continue to stand as monuments to the willingness of Israel to not only welcome but to actively bring in entire communities of people in distress. Each was a brilliant demonstration of what it means to be a Jewish state, with a commitment to a people beyond her borders that may be unique in world history.

Given the extreme efforts made to bring these communities to Israel, the subsequent legacy of official insensitivity and paternalism becomes particularly sad and ironic. The stories of how officials, whose European socialist and secularist ways stood at opposite poles from the Yemenite Jewish traditions, would try to force the new immigrants into becoming "Israelis," remain bitter memories to this day.

The most serious charge of all, however, has been that Yemenite infants were kidnapped and put up for adoption, while their parents were told their babies were missing or dead. Three commissions were created to investigate this matter: the Bahaloul-Minkovsky Commission in the late 1960s, the Shalgi Commission, which labored from 1988 to 1994, and now the two-year-old Cohen Commission, which heard testimony from Tsila Levine yesterday.

The Shalgi Commission investigated 505 cases and found 65 cases in which the disappearances of children could not be explained. Yet that commission, like the preceding one, found no indication of criminal activity or illegal adoptions.

Yet the commissions have clearly not succeeded in convincing the Yemenite community that their children were not deliberately taken from them. Judging from the case of Amosi and Levine, the suspicions may not have been unfounded - for the first time, a Yemenite mother has been genetically linked to her child

who was put up for adoption, after the mother was told her baby was "missing."

At the hearing yesterday, Levine was questioned about records that seem to contradict her story, but Levine's lawyer retorted with numerous examples of records that had internal contradictions (such as death dates before birth dates). If, in fact, this and previous commissions relied upon shoddy or forged records to make their case, it is not surprising that they have not succeeded in getting to the truth.

Until now, the cause of the Yemenite children has been both promoted and discredited by the violent tactics of self-styled rabbi Uzi Meshulam, whose followers have now been charged with planting a bomb at the Petah Tikva Magistrate's Court on August 18. Meshulam has also inspired the digging up of graves of Yemenite babies who the parents suspect did not die but were in fact adopted. Though a number of the graves looked empty, forensic experts claimed that nothing could be concluded without a more professional investigation.

The tactics of Meshulam and his followers cannot be condoned, but it is past time for Israel to face head-on this very disturbing chapter in its history. There are too many people with harrowing stories for this issue to be dismissed.

Many countries have chapters in their histories that they would rather forget and yet refuse to go away. Fifty years seems to be common time period for such problems to resurface - the Jewish bank accounts conveniently forgotten by Swiss banks and suspect medical experimentation by the US Army come to mind.

What was done cannot be undone, but after half a century, the least the government owes the victims of such outrages is to come clean. The whole truth may never be found, but more must be done than to bury the problem with partial conclusions based on suspect documents. The calls for establishing a national data bank to help people to try to find their lost parents or children should be heeded.

Not all adopted Yemenite children will, like Tsila Levine, feel a compelling need to find their biological parents - after all, the clock cannot be turned back. But those who want to follow in her footsteps should be helped to do so now, before it is too late.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### POLICE DON'T CARE

Sir, - On Saturday, August 9, we were traveling by taxi from Ramat Gan to Tel Aviv on the Ayalon Highway. Running alongside us was a private car, and the driver was holding the wheel with one hand and eating a large falafel with the other. Our speed was 105 kmh. Needless to say, the private was going faster.

A police car was also traveling at the same time and speed. We saw the drivers look at each other, but none of them seemed to care what was going on. We saw both the police car and the private car at the next traffic light. The car driver was still eating, and the police car was right next to it. No one said or did anything.

Now I wonder why there are so many accidents? If the police don't care, why should we? I don't know if the driver arrived safely home. Personally, I couldn't care less; I almost hope he crashed his car into some wall or post or maybe a police car.

S. GERSHONI  
Tel Aviv.

### COMPUTER LITERACY

Sir, - I think it's a public outrage that Haifa's current mayor has not seen fit in this high-tech day and age to outfit even one of the roughly two dozen local community centers with even one miserable computer to enable them to teach at least the basics to all those clamoring for it.

DR. MARGE E. LANDSBERG  
Haifa.

### IRVING MOSKOWITZ

Sir, - The Israeli press, including the Post, has been replete with attacks on Irvin Moskowitz for making policy decisions for Israel when he himself doesn't even live here and doesn't have to face the consequences of his acts.

But your profile on him (of August 1) mentions an important fact - several of his children live in Israel. Even though he doesn't live here himself, his investment in the future of Israel is many times greater than any financial contributions he has made to our country.

BENJIE GERSTMAN  
Jerusalem.

### DISLOYALTY

Sir, - The Israeli Arab delegation which visited Syria and had a personal meeting with President Assad made Israel aware that it harbors a potential fifth column in any confrontation with Syria. The statements made by two Arab MKs show their disloyalty. MK Abdul Wahab Darawshe called for "the full right of return for Palestinians" and his colleague MK Taleh A-Sanaa said he hoped "the Syrians win in all wars."

These statements are but the tip of the iceberg and Israel must reflect about this problem. Those who are responsible cannot be members of the Knesset and vote on security and religious issues. Disloyalty is disloyalty.

By contrast, another member of the delegation, MK Sallah Tarif, supports Oslo and regrets the statements of his compatriots. There are Israeli-Arabs who are loyal to the State; however, most members of this delegation were not.

TOBY WILLIG  
Jerusalem.

### JEWISH IDOLATRY

Sir, - In my view the worship of the Western Wall and the quarrels about it are an example of idolatry.

True, Jewish idolatry, but the same kind of idolatry as had been denounced in the Bible by the prophets. That this Jewish idolatry is "traditional" and had existed for some hundreds of years does not change its idolatrous nature, its being a worship of stooes. The bible records many examples of Jewish idolatry which also persisted for a very long time.

The deluded idolaters of the three Jewish tendencies should recall the verses from prophet Habakkuk: "Woe to him who says to a wooden thing: Awake! To a dumb stone: Arise! Can this give a revelation?" (chapter 2, verse 19). It seems to me that the minority of Jews who still continues to abhor idolatry should abhor the idolatrous worship of the dumb stooes of Wall.

ISRAEL SHAHAK  
Jerusalem.

## FROM OUR ARCHIVES

50 years ago: On August 28, 1947, *The Palestine Post* reported that 30 women in an advanced state of pregnancy, *Exodus 1947* "illegal" immigrants to Palestine, held aboard the three "floating cages" off Gibraltar, would be allowed to disembark and would be sent to Palestine. Their certificates would be taken off the remaining "quota."

A military court had no jurisdiction to try Major Roy Farran, who should have been tried by a civil court, declared Mr. Nochimovsky, Tel Aviv advocate, in his application to the Jerusalem Examining Magistrate

for an inquiry into the abduction of 16-year-old Alexander Rubowitz who disappeared in Jerusalem on May 6, 1947. "A person had been murdered and nothing had been done," said Nochimovsky. "It was a false charge that Rubowitz had been in possession of illegal posters," he added, claiming that he had more than 30 witnesses ready to testify on the boy's forced abduction. Farran was reported to be kept in Allenby Barracks in military custody after his two previous attempts to escape from the country.

25 years ago: On August 29,

1972, *The Jerusalem Post* quoted a report from Moscow that according to a prominent Soviet journalist, Victor Pereleman, \$250 million will be needed to pay the tax in order to allow Soviet Jewish professionals to leave the country. Soviet Jews became an excellent export item, Pereleman added. Defense Minister Moshe Dayan assured Hebron residents that he would protect them against any Jewish Defence League activity and that Israel had no plans to build a port in Sinai.

Alexander Zvielli



## A doomed initiative

HENRY SIEGMAN

The latest US initiative to salvage the Israel-Palestinian negotiations will fail because, following a promising shift in US policy announced by Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright on August 6, the administration lost its nerve. It supported Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's demand that Palestinians make good on their commitment to wage total war against terrorist organizations in the territories without also demanding an Israeli commitment that if Palestinians comply, Netanyahu will implement the obligations undertaken by Israel under the Oslo Accords.

To be sure, there can be no peace negotiations if Yasser Arafat remains willfully neglectful of terrorist activities in areas under his control. Netanyahu is right when he insists there is no moral equivalence between terrorist bombs and bulldozers that clear the ground for new Jewish housing in Jerusalem. But the peace process did not collapse because of terrorist outrages in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. It ground to a halt, well before these events, largely because Netanyahu and his government oppose territorial concessions for peace and insist on continuing the enlargement of Israeli settlements in the territories.

Unilateral Israeli actions that preempt issues that were supposed to be discussed in the final-status talks are as insurmountable an obstacle to further negotiations for Arafat as terrorism is for Netanyahu. In real life, Arafat will not risk his leadership with the Palestinians in undertaking a total war against terrorism absent an assurance that, if he complies, the Palestinian agenda will also be seriously addressed.

This entails far more than an Israeli promise to return to the negotiating table, or to rescind the devastating punitive measures imposed on the residents of the West Bank and Gaza following last month's bombing. Rather, it means a clear commitment to halt new settlement activity, to proceed finally with a safe passage between Gaza and the West Bank, to open a Palestinian airport and seaport in Gaza, and the implementation of the next two with-

drawals required by the Oslo accords.

In her important policy address, Albright recognized the inseparability of Palestinian measures to assure Israel's security and Israeli measures that "address the legitimate political rights of the Palestinian people." That is why she proposed accelerating final-status negotiations and establishing a clear sense of "the ultimate

### Negotiations are futile without an acknowledgement of the principle of viable Palestinian statehood

direction of negotiations" so that both sides can regain confidence "about where the negotiation is leading."

Unfortunately, Albright did not put forward an American understanding of where the negotiations must lead because it is impossible to restore confidence between the parties unless that direction is clearly understood to include not only Israeli security, but viable Palestinian statehood. The details of that statehood, the exact location of borders, arrangements for water, and respective claims to Jerusalem can only be negotiated between the parties themselves, but negotiations are futile without an acknowledgement of the principle of viable Palestinian statehood on contiguous territory in Gaza and most of the West Bank.

DESPITE Netanyahu's eloquent statements about his commitment to peace, it is an undeniable fact that since he assume power, the peace process has ground to a halt on all fronts - with the Palestinians, with the Syrians and Lebanese and with the outer rim of Arab countries in the Gulf and in North Africa. There can be only two reasons for this. The first is that the fragmentation of Netanyahu's governing coalition

has made it impossible for him to proceed with Oslo. The Oslo Accords remain stuck in his throat, and he can neither swallow them nor cough them up. The other explanation is that Netanyahu is doing precisely what he wants to do, namely prevent any further accommodation to Palestinian demands. His "vision" is one of continued Israeli military control of a series of isolated islands of Palestinian autonomy.

Whichever is the case, a deadlock in the negotiations that Netanyahu can blame on the Palestinians ideally serves his purposes. And terrorism plays directly into his hands, for it coalesces him to claim the high ground and to impose conditions for a resumption of negotiations without holding out any prospect of change in his government's policy, which is precisely what he has now done.

An American initiative that fails to link explicitly Palestinian measures to fight terrorism with Israeli measures that meet Palestinian needs can only reinforce deadlock. The US position should be that while the war on terrorism is a precondition for continued negotiations, Israel must make it possible for Arafat to wage that war by indicating what Israel will do to advance Palestinian objectives. Arafat's role cannot be limited to serving Israel's security needs.

In her address, Albright reiterated the principle of land for peace as the basis for negotiations, and added importantly that "the legitimate political rights" will be addressed. Indeed, Netanyahu has in effect told the Palestinians that they will not achieve their national objectives if they fail to exert a maximum effort to fight terrorism, and if they do engage in such an effort, they still will not achieve their national objectives. That is not a prescription for peace, much less for a major Palestinian war on terrorism.

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## Ready to blow

LARRY DERFNER

Remember when you couldn't get justice in your country, how nobody would listen to you, unless you "banged on the table?" And remember how it got to the point that you had to "burn tires in the street" to get your way?

Forget it. That was from a simpler, quieter time. The ante has since been upped.

Now you have to get a bunch of people, lock yourselves into a building, pile up gas canisters, bottles of kerosene and torches, and threaten to blow yourselves to kingdom come. Otherwise, you're not worth anybody's attention.

And it works beautifully. Thirty-five employees at the Labor Party's headquarters in Tel Aviv just did it, and it saved their jobs. They came out of the siege as heroes. Everybody loves them, everybody has sympathy for them. Ehud Barak, who tried to fire them, then thought better of it - he's the apologetic one now, he's the bad guy.

Look how far we've come. It used to be that only fanatics would pull such a stunt - David Koresh crazies in Waco, Uzi Meshulam psychos in Yehud. Recently it was tried by the homeless in Mevasseret Zion, who, it should be noted, had more than a few violent ex-cons among them.

But here we're talking about veteran employees at the headquarters of Israel's largest political party, Thirty-five family men and women, with mortgages and credit cards. Settled, respectable folks.

We'll blow this building and half of Hayarkon Street into the atmosphere, they swore.

Yes, it's a terrible and terrifying thing to get fired, especially when you've got a family and you're not so young. But, uh, wasn't this a little...out of proportion? Something of an overreaction? Kind of...deranged?

Hey, it takes what it takes.

### The next time a group of adults decides to play at mass suicide, let them play it to the end

Bang, burn, blow - whatever. When in Israel, do as the Israelis do, and this is how it's done.

There are a lot of government ministers and other leaders and commentators saying how we have to learn to talk to each other, listen to each other, become more civilized. This is the word from on high. On the ground, the opposite is happening.

First Meshulam, then the homeless, then the Labor Party bureaucrats. Next it will be husbands and wives at home. I get the car today, dear, or I will lock myself and the kids in the laundry room and blow us all to hell.

Coalition crises will be settled a new way. No more threats to vote oo-confidence in the government; instead the religious parties will hole up in their offices and vow to level the Knesset unless the conversion bill is passed.

Soon bombs won't be enough, and eco-terrorism will emerge. Move it, driver, or I'll poison the Kinneret. Get behind me, mister, or I'll climb into a crop-duster and spray plague all over the land.

Cluck, cluck, what are we to do? The only answer is education, isn't it? The schools should prepare lesson plans on why gas canisters are not a proper negotiating tool. We could have public service TV spots. Why not put it on CD-ROM?

No, I'm afraid the Siege of Hayarkon was our education, our real-life education, on what's considered proper in Israeli society these days.

But there might be another way to teach the right lesson. The next time a group of Israeli adults decides to play at mass suicide, let them play it to the end. Let the police clear out as much area as is needed, and tell the folks inside that if they want to go, well, have a nice trip.

Let them also know that if they choose life, there won't be any hugs waiting for them when they give up, only handcuffs. The yahoos at Hayarkon must have committed a couple of dozen crimes, and I can't understand why they weren't charged, but it's not too late.

This country feels like it's bursting. The molecules are whizzing around and bouncing off each other so fast. Some people are ready to explode. I don't know if we can stop them, but I wish we'd at least stop encouraging them.

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## PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



If you find it difficult to hose down your pet dog, imagine what it's like for Michael Dugan: he's got a 7-foot-3 pet alligator to contend with. Dugan, of Columbus, Ohio, got 'Allie' in 1961, when it was eight inches long.

## POSTSCRIPTS

DEAD OR ALIVE? No one was quite sure one day recently in the town of Menufia, Egypt.

A nurse working in the town morgue got the shock of her life when a corpse turned out to be quite undead.

Abdel Sattar Abdel Sallam Badawi was put into the morgue refrigerator to start his afterlife, 12 hours after being pronounced dead.

Badawi turned out to be very much alive.

The nurse, however, succumbed to the shock, and died of a heart attack.

Badawi swore he'd never go to a hospital again.

Rosalie Klein

A BOA constrictor can swallow a lot. But a heating pad?

Well, it wasn't plugged in.

Ron and Bonnie Probst of Klamath Falls, Oregon, took their 2 1/2 meter pet, Teardrop, to the animal clinic after it swallowed its prey.

The object - heating pad, cord and control unit - showed up plainly on the X-ray.

The two-year-old snake was "shaking off any worries, seemingly happy with a nice, big meal," the vet said.

"This heating pad apparently satisfied all the criteria for food as far as this snake was concerned," he said. "It was warm and fuzzy and had some hard objects inside that must have felt something like bones."

Still, the vet went ahead and removed the heating pad.

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# Ordinary and extraordinary

# A good beginning

MY AMERICAN CENTURY by Studs Terkel. New York, The New Press. 532 pp. \$25.

By James Ledbetter

The recent death of Charles Kuralt occasioned media praise for the wisdom of the common man and woman, the ordinary American who, without formal training or access to power, was able to produce penetrating sound bites for Kuralt's odes. While it's true that Kuralt exalted the voices of the great unpolished, his common folk spoke of whatever they wanted, no matter how mundane. Kuralt's characters produced heart-warming dispatches generally designed to give viewers a flavor of American life without showing its bite; such are the sanitized necessities of network television.



Studs Terkel forces readers to confront the places where grand historical events intersect the psychic lives of the nameless.

By contrast, Studs Terkel's oral histories have been primarily packaged for radio and books, media that allow for greater depth and seem to invite the controversies television eludes. Poverty, racism, war, greed — these are the constants in Terkel's interviews, and he never flinches from recording his subjects' ugliest conclusions. More significantly, however, despite the promotional hype around *My American Century* — a collection of greatest hits from Terkel's eight earlier works — Terkel does not seek to record the voices of "average" Americans. Except while he was writing *Working*, his book on laborers, Terkel does not drive down random backroads just to stick a microphone in a farmer's face. Instead, like a skilled novelist, he seeks out characters and conversations guaranteed to have social resonance well beyond their individual stories.

When Terkel seeks in an inflammable juxtaposition of ordinary and extraordinary. Another method of getting it is by not allowing his subjects to choose the topics of conversation. In the introduction to his 1967 book, *Division Street*, Terkel acknowledges asking all his interviewees about the Bomb ("the thought of it was simply too overwhelming for them to willingly put into words") and about God ("Like a stage mother, I had to push Him forward"), comparing his task to "guerrilla journalism." Another term for it is propaganda, and while that word is much maligned in America, it is an apt description for what Terkel does: These are stories designed to make very explicit political points. Thankfully, Terkel is so skillful and broad-minded in choosing his subjects and so adept at penetrating their defenses that we devour the propaganda quite willingly. C.P. Ellis, a former Klansman turned union official in North Carolina, is no "average" American; he is a paragon on which Terkel seeks — quite effectively — to draw a diagram of how class interests can and do overcome racial hatred. Terkel lets Ellis speak to the inferiority complex of rural whites seeking recognition in the form of white robes, and then to his epiphanies about being used by respectable whites in a class-division game. Terkel's interviews dig provocations out of accepted history — such as his tale, from *The Good War*, of American troops killing a harmless old Japanese civilian woman — or make concrete the controversies, like his late '80s interview with an Iowa farmer fighting off creditors. At times Terkel seems almost like the Jesse Jackson of the mid-'80s, an itinerant pain-sharer, cross-country the country to document every injustice. Terkel — unlike too many contemporary journalists — forces readers to confront the places where grand historical events intersect the psychic lives of the nameless. Consider last year's debate about eliminating welfare: How many welfare moth-

ers were actually given a media voice, compared to members of Congress or think-tank denizens? To Terkel, such skewed conceptions are unthinkable obscene, and his insistence on documenting the flow between the personal and political often yields surprising results. Terkel speaks to a cab driver who supports the Christmas bombing of North Vietnam because "We can't be a pitiful, helpless giant. We gotta show 'em we're No. 1." Asked if he feels like No. 1, the cabbie says, "I'm number nothin'" and launches into a brief, woe-filled litany of a departed wife and smack-addicted kid. The cabbie quickly steers the conversation back to the necessity of fighting the war. When Terkel seeks to make a point about the evils of nuclear arms, he finds not an academic or professional proponent, but Jean Gump, grandmother and mother of 12, who took time away from PTA and League of Women Voters meetings to break into a military site in Missouri and spraypaint "Disarm and Live" on a missile silo. Her just-folks storytelling smoothes over the glaring audacity of her actions. When a rifle-aiming guard rejected her explanation that her "funny circulation" would not allow her to keep her hands in the air, "I said, 'Shoot me.' He chose not to, which I thought was good." Gump received a six-year prison sentence. As Robert Coles suggests in his introduction, Terkel's work owes much to the development of the tape recorder, and this book is best thought of as an album of voices, similar to those one would listen to in a museum. There is some reflexive nostalgia here, and more than a little nonsense, but Terkel's insistence on getting his subjects to complete their stories allows readers to sift through the nonsense and see the gems. This will likely be one of the last books that Terkel, now 85, will produce. When he is gone, he will deserve all the celebration Kuralt received and more; thankfully, his subjects are already more permanent than Kuralt's, thanks to the accessibility of the printed page. (Newsday)

THE GENESIS OF ETHICS: How the Tormented Family of Genesis Leads Us to Moral Development by Burton L. Visotzky. New York, Crown. 211 pp. \$20.

IN THE BEGINNING: A New Interpretation of Genesis by Karen Armstrong. New York, Alfred A. Knopf. 183 pp. \$20.

GENESIS: AS IT IS WRITTEN: Contemporary Writers on Our First Stories. Edited by David Rosenberg. San Francisco, HarperCollins. 212 pp. \$20.

By Bernard S. Raskas

The best conversation in New York City," said the *New York Times* of a seminar attended by novelists, artists, poets, critics, and attorneys. Under the stimulating and innovative guidance of Rabbi Burton Visotzky, professor of Midrash at the Jewish Theological Seminary, they examined how the narratives of Genesis apply to the ethical issues we face today. This seminar eventually evolved into the astounding public-television series *Genesis: A Living Conversation*, hosted by Bill Moyers, which has swept the United States. Genesis may be interpreted theologically, critically, politically, historically, or psychologically, but it is Visotzky's genius to view it in terms of family dynamics. He sees the Bible from a whole new perspective, relating it to our own immediate concerns. After all, he is professor of Midrash, and Midrash is the classic way in which rabbis view the Bible through the lens of their own times — finding new ways to understand these ancient sentences. Visotzky's style is hip and historical, scholarly and "street smart," researched and relevant. As he points out, the Book of Genesis can be seen as "an ugly little soap opera about a dysfunctional family, a story about rape, incest, murder, deception, brute force, sex and blood lust." But its stories reveal much about human dilemmas and ethical problems that mirror and thus inform our own times in a personal way. The haunting stories of a father who is about to sacrifice a child, a man who tricks his brother (one even commits fratricide), daughters who seduce a father, a man who is approached by a prostitute and fathers his own grandson unknowingly, are all dealt with in loving engagement. The tensions in Genesis are contemporary. Dina has no voice — will feminists stand for that? If Hamor and Shechem have been circumcised to join Jacob's family, then Shimon and Levy are killing fellow Jews. If Jacob has a special program of animal husbandry, is he using genetics to deceive his father-in-law? Moral dilemmas are often messy, like life itself. Visotzky uses Genesis for our own moral development. This has been the hallmark of two millennia of serious thinkers and commentators of all faiths. It is an appropriate look as we now encounter end-of-the-millennium angst. Moral grandeur emerges if we honestly examine, discuss, and internalize the narratives of Genesis. The moral growth of Joseph from a spoiled brat to a despised sibling, to a slave and prisoner, to a sexually tempt-

ed man, to the savior of Egypt speaks to all of us. Joseph says, "It was God Who sent me as a life savior before you," and he reshapes the tribal ethic into something greater, which becomes divine. As Visotzky points out, studying Genesis, and, more important, discussing the text, can help us to understand ourselves and our lives as we struggle for meaning. That struggle is universal because there are now two sets of ethics. Burton Visotzky has created a remarkable and valuable approach to Genesis. And it is good. IN THE WAKE of this approach and the Moyers television series has come a flood of books. When Karen Armstrong returned to London after appearing on the two-month *Genesis* program, she was so stimulated that she wrote another book. Indeed, who else but a former nun, teacher in a rabbinical seminary, and author of books such as *A History of God* and *Muhammad*, would have the *hutzpa* to entitle her commentary *In the Beginning*? Armstrong's exciting and refreshing work deserves thoughtful reading. The book views the stories through the prism of her strongly held views about God's unknowability and the folly of some current denominations in second-guessing Him/Her. Genesis is one of the tomes that men and women have used, a ready dimension that transcends their normal lives. During the rebellion of the counterculture in the Sixties in America, William Sloan Coffin, Jr. mounted the pulpit at Rockefeller Chapel in New York to address demonstrators. As he began to speak one of the demonstrators shouted, "Religion is a crutch." Coffin shot back, "So who isn't limping?" Armstrong appropriately begins her book with the account of Jacob wrestling all night with a mysterious stranger and discovers at dawn that he has been struggling with God. In this episode she sees the distant past throwing light on the present. But her thoughtful and challenging interpretations require discussion and often deep debate. For example, in the Noah story she sees a holocaust and wonders about the behavior of God. Don't we? In Abraham she observes someone trembling between faith and a radical break with the past. Isn't this our problem now? DAVID ROSENBERG'S collection of essays by writers and poets, *Genesis: As It Is Written*, is decidedly post-modern. Rosenberg, who has been engaged in poetic translations of the Bible for years, has come up with a stunning anthology penned by some of the most creative minds in our time. This is a work of cultural outreach that breaks down barriers between religious and secular, which didn't exist in the biblical writer's day. Arthur Miller demonstrates how the fall from paradise defines human existence; James Carroll sees Abraham dealing with uprootedness, marginality and otherness; Kathleen Norris presents a fresh perspective on Rebekah as a mother; and there are many more insightful, original essays. "The universe is not made of atoms, but stories," wrote poet Muriel Rukeyser. These stories in *Genesis* were fashioned to help explain the universe and ourselves, and they continue to do so. Those who are interested in these issues — and who is not? — will find these three books a good beginning.

## Surfers' guide

By Morton L. Teicher

JUDAISM ON THE WEB by Irving Green. New York, MIS Press, Henry Holt & Co. 396 pp. \$16.95.

The continued interest in surfing the World Wide Web has now resulted in a second book devoted to identifying Jewish sites. The first one, *The Jewish Guide to the Internet* by Diane Romm (Jason Aronson; 338pp.; second edition 1997) lists more than 500 Jewish sources, grouped under many headings, with minimal information about each one. Some 350

host sites in Israel are listed, with their addresses but with no other information. Irving Green's guide is not only less expensive than the previous publication but also far more useful. It groups the sites into five major divisions: *Jewish History*, *The Jewish Year*, *Jewish Culture*, *Jewish Intellectual Life* and

*Current Issues in Judaism*. Each of these topics has several sub-headings which, combined with a fine index, make it easy to locate the address of sites on almost every Jewish subject. Moreover, each site is described in terms of its contents, so that this is far more than a telephone-type directory.

The World Wide Web is an enormous resource for information about all aspects of Jewish religion, Jewish culture and Jewish theology. This indispensable guide opens the door to locating these sources. The publisher maintains his own link to these sources: [www.mispress.com](http://www.mispress.com). Every site mentioned in the book can be located at that address. Judaica online is a new and exciting way to keep abreast of Jewish affairs and to study Judaism. This useful book facilitates our use of these resources.

**STEIMATZKY'S BESTSELLING PAPERBACKS**

1. Panther in the Basement by Amos Oz. Vintage.
2. Blue Mountain by Meir Shalev. Steimatzky.
3. Cause of Death by Patricia Cornwell. Berkley, Warner.
4. Servant of the Bones by Anne Rice. Arrow, Ballantine.
5. Sotah by Naomi Ragen. Harper.
6. Perfect Family by Penny Jordan. Mills & Boon.
7. Sharing the Promised Land by Dilip Hiro. Coronet.
8. Falconer by Elaine C. McCarthy. Arrow.
9. Lying on the Couch by Irvin D. Yalom. Harper Perennial.
10. Sacrifice of Tamar by Naomi Ragen. HarperCollins.

## BOOK BYTES

British writer, sometime actor and full-time eccentric Quentin Crisp, 88, has just released his fourth book, *Resident Alien*. The *New York Diaries* (Alyson). Crisp first came to notoriety at age 59 in 1968 with the publication of his autobiography, *The Naked Civil Servant*. The title of this, the first of his four books, was inspired by his modeling job in art schools on a government stipend. Crisp left England for New York's East Village in 1981. "I live in America in exactly the same way I lived in England. A room in a rooming house." If Crisp's room is a mess ("Only a fool would make the bed every day"), his own appearance is immaculate: Eyebrows plucked, violet eye shadow, black eyeliner and mascara. The black fedora, colorful silk foulard around the neck, white shirt and grey jacket complete his mercurial look. America has been good to him, in some ways. In 1993, he played Queen Elizabeth I in Sally Potter's film *Orlando*, which left him very flush. When he walks down the street, people talk to him, some even curtsy. Crisp has learned to accept the taunts with good grace. He recalls, "When I was coming to America, I went to the American Embassy in Grosvenor Square, and the man asked me, 'Are you a practicing homosexual?' And I said, 'I didn't practice, I was already perfect.'"

by the way, is still selling 600 copies a month in Britain alone. Although Constable had no great faith in the book, a century later they have reconsidered the issue with the publication of *The Un-Dead: The Legend of Bram Stoker and Dracula* by Peter Haining and Peter Tremayne. One person, however, had supreme confidence in the originator of the Transylvanian vampire. Stoker's mother wrote: "No book since Mrs. Shelley's *Frankenstein* has come near yours in originality, or terror. Poe is nowhere... It should make much money for you." Count Dracula continues to be a never-ending source of financial spin-offs. The small Yorkshire seaside town of Whitby is mentioned in three chapters of Stoker's novel. With the establishment of the Dracula Experience Society, tourism is booming. The highlight of the tour is the part that includes 199 steps from the town to the churchyard where the Prince of Darkness had his first taste of English blood. SHORT-STORY writer Lucia Nevali had a dream: To "crack" *The New Yorker* magazine. She submitted story after story to 20 West 43rd Street and, although the rejection slips turned into letters "signed by an actual person," still had no luck. Then one night she hailed a cab. The cabbie told her about the powers of his supplications of behalf of his fares. Careers took off, football teams won games. So Nevali said, "I'm a writer. Pray for me." He said, "Spell your name." Three days later *The New Yorker* called, "writes Nevali. "They wanted to publish my story. Yes. They were saying, yes." She adds, "The cabbie's first name is Patrick." David Bruener

HAPPY one hundredth birthday, Dracula. In 1897, Bram Stoker presented the British publishers Constable with his manuscript. He received no advance, and no money until the first 1,000 copies were sold. Thereafter, his royalties were one shilling and six pence per book. Recently, Bantam's edition in Boston sold one of the 3,000 first editions for \$9,500. *Dracula*,

## The New York Times BESTSELLERS

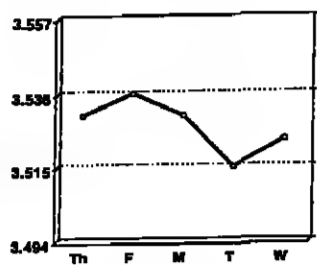
<p><b>HARDCOVER Fiction</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gold Mountain by Charles Frazier. (Atlantic Monthly \$24.) A wounded Confederate soldier journeys home toward the end of the Civil War to meet an old love.</li> <li>2. Unnatural Exposure by Patricia Cornwell. (Putnam \$25.95.) Dr. Kay Scarpetta contends with a killer who uses a small-pox-like virus and cyberspace tricks.</li> <li>3. Special Delivery by Danielle Steel. (Delacorte \$16.95.) Romance comes to a mature couple.</li> <li>4. Plum Island by Nelson DeMille. (Warner \$25.) A detective probes the murder of a Long Island couple who may have been involved in germ warfare research.</li> <li>5. If This World Were Mine by E. Lynn Harris. (Doubleday \$23.95.) The seemingly close bonds of four old classmates are strained when a stranger enters their lives.</li> <li>6. The Notebook by Nicholas Sparks. (Warner \$16.95.) A World War II veteran meets an old flame who is about to be married.</li> <li>7. The Partner by John Grisham. (Doubleday \$26.95.) The search for \$90 million stolen by a lawyer, believed dead, who is in hiding.</li> <li>8. The God of Small Things by Arundhati Roy. (Random House \$23.) Death and secrets haunt a once-prosperous merchant family in contemporary India.</li> <li>9. London by Edward Rutherfurd. (Crown \$25.95.) Two thousand years of life in Britain's capital as seen by six families.</li> <li>10. Up Island by Anne Rivers Siddons. (HarperCollins \$24.) An Atlanta woman, after a bad marriage and her mother's death, seeks a new life.</li> </ol>	<p><b>HARDCOVER Non-fiction</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt. (Warner \$24.) An Irish-American recalls his childhood amid the misery of Limerick.</li> <li>2. The Perfect Storm by Sebastian Junger. (Nonion \$23.95.) An account of the "no-raster" of 1991, focusing on fishermen from Gloucester, Mass.</li> <li>3. Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer. (Villard \$24.95.) An account of the ascent of Mount Everest in 1996, the deadliest season in history.</li> <li>4. The Man Who Listens to Horses by Morley Roberts. (Random House \$23.) The memoirs of a professional horse trainer.</li> <li>5. The Bible Code by Michael Drosnin. (Simon &amp; Schuster \$25.) Hidden predictions in the Bible.</li> <li>6. Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil by John Berendt. (Random House \$23.) The mysterious death of a young man in Savannah, Ga.</li> <li>7. Conversations with God: Book 1 by Neale Donald Walsch. (Putnam \$19.95.) The author addresses questions of life and love, good and evil, guilt and sin.</li> <li>8. The Millionaire Next Door by Thomas J. Stanley and William D. Danko. (Longstreet \$22.) An analysis of the lives of wealthy Americans discloses that they have seven characteristics in common.</li> <li>9. Brain Droppings by George Carlin. (Hyperion \$19.95.) Comments by the stand-up comedian.</li> <li>10. Conversations with God: Book 2 by Neale Donald Walsch. (Hampton Roads, \$19.95.) More discussions of moral questions.</li> </ol>	<p><b>PAPERBACK Fiction</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Laws of Our Fathers by Scott Turow. (Warner \$7.50.) The trial of a prosecution officer for his mother's murder recalls the turbulent 1960s.</li> <li>2. Cause of Death by Patricia Cornwell. (Berkley \$7.50.) Dr. Kay Scarpetta investigates the mysterious death of a reporter.</li> <li>3. Executive Orders by Tom Clancy. (Berkley \$7.50.) Vice President Jack Ryan has problems after the deaths of the president and most of the government.</li> <li>4. Dark Paradise by Tami Hoag. (Bantam \$6.50.) A woman vacationing in Montana becomes the target of a stalker.</li> <li>5. The Third Twin by Ken Follet. (Fawcett \$7.99.) A genetic researcher's work brings frightening experiences.</li> <li>6. Songs in Ordinary Time by Mary McGarry Morris. (Penguin \$13.95.) A divorced woman and her three children are menaced by a con man.</li> <li>7. Contact by Carl Sagan. (Pocket \$6.95.) Scientists receive a signal from intelligent life beyond Earth.</li> <li>8. The Regulators by Richard Bachman. (Signet \$7.99.) Killings and other horrors disrupt a quiet suburban town in Ohio.</li> <li>9. Desperation by Stephen King. (Signet \$7.99.) Visitors to a small mining town in Nevada encounter terrifying forces.</li> <li>10. The Deep End of the Ocean by Jacquelyn Mitchard. (Signet \$7.50.) The disappearance of a three-year-old brings a family anguish and redemption.</li> </ol>	<p><b>PAPERBACK Non-fiction</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Color of Water by James McBride. (Riverhead \$12.) A black writer and musician recalls his experiences growing up with his white mother in Brooklyn.</li> <li>2. Undaunted Courage by Stephen E. Ambrose. (Touchstone/S&amp;S \$16.) The story of how Thomas Jefferson sponsored Lewis and Clark.</li> <li>3. The Sea Hunters by Clive Cussler and Craig Dirgo. (Pocket \$7.99) Searches for shipwrecks.</li> <li>4. Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer. (Anchor/Doubleday \$12.95.) A young man obsessed by the wilderness has a tragic end in Alaska.</li> <li>5. A Civil Action by Jonathan Harr. (Vintage \$13.) Householders sue industrial polluters.</li> <li>6. Reviving Ophelia by Mary Pipher. (Ballantine \$12.50.) The everyday dangers that beset teenage girls.</li> <li>7. Spontaneous Healing by Andrew Weil. (Fawcett \$12.95.) How the body heals itself.</li> <li>8. Girlfriends by Carmen Renee Berry and Tamara Traeder. (Wildcat Canyon \$12.95.) Ties that bind women.</li> <li>9. Emotional Intelligence by Daniel Goleman. (Bantam \$13.95.) Factors other than IQ that contribute to a successful and happy life.</li> <li>10. The Heart of a Woman by Maya Angelou. (Bantam \$12.) Volume 4 of the poet's autobiography.</li> </ol>	<p><b>PAPERBACK Miscellaneous</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Don't Sweat the Small Stuff and Its All Small Stuff by Richard Carlson. (Hyperion \$8.95.) How to enjoy life much more and contribute to the world we live in.</li> <li>2. Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul compiled by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen and Kimberly Kirberger. (Health Communications \$12.95.) Inspiration.</li> <li>3. Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution by Robert C. Atkins. (Avon \$6.50.) Ways to lose weight and achieve a healthy body.</li> <li>4. Chicken Soup for the Women's Soul compiled by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Jennifer Reiff Hawthorne, and Marc Shmoff. (Health Communications \$12.95.) Inspiration.</li> </ol> <p><b>HARDCOVER Miscellaneous</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Simple Abundance by Sarah Ban Breathnach. (Warner \$17.95.) Advice for women seeking to improve the way they look at themselves.</li> <li>2. Miracle Cures by Jean Carper. (HarperCollins \$25.) The "healing powers" of herbs, vitamins and other natural remedies.</li> <li>3. Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus by John Gray. (HarperCollins \$25.) Improving communication and relationships.</li> <li>4. Kids Are Funny (Warner \$10.) A collection of jokes submitted by children to <i>The Rosie O'Donnell Show</i>.</li> </ol>
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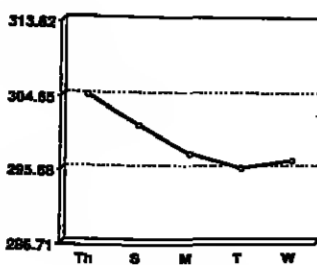
## MARKETS

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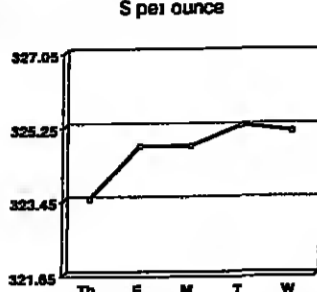
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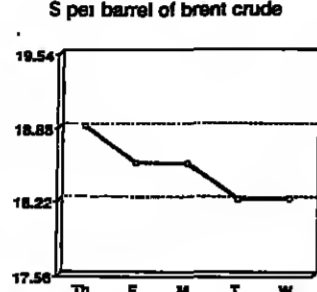
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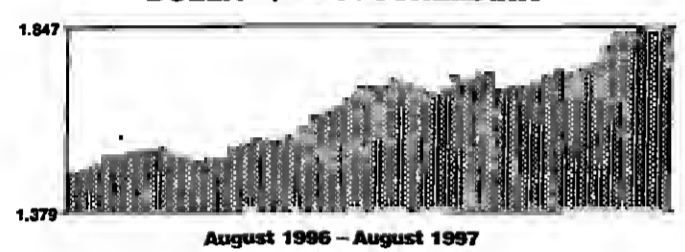
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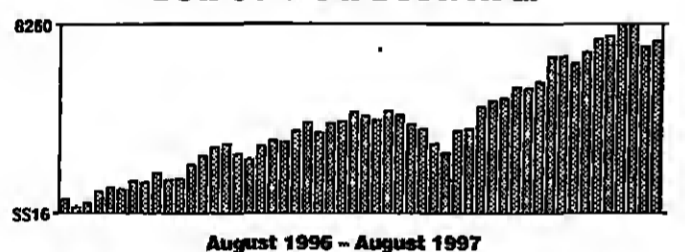
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### Jerusalem's development area A status extended

Industry and Trade Minister Natan Shtrasky and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert recently agreed to extend Jerusalem's development area A status for an additional five years. The designation was supposed to expire on August 31. Olmert and Shtrasky also agreed to develop an additional 270 dunams in the Har Hotzvim industrial park and to accelerate plans to build a 60-dunam technology laboratory on Hebrew University's Givat Ram campus.

Jennifer Friedlin

### Israeli exports to Asia jump 7.1%

Israel's exports to Asia grew by 7.1% in the first six months of the year to \$1.99 billion, from \$1.86b. in the same period one year ago, the Industry and Trade Ministry reported yesterday. Exports to Asia comprise 20% of all of Israel's sales abroad, while imports from the Far East comprise 11% of total imports. In the first half of 1997, Asian imports totalled \$1.59b., a 2.8% increase over the same period last year.

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## Koor second quarter profits plummet 47%

### Analysts: Results in line with expectations

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Koor Industries Ltd. yesterday reported a 47% drop in second quarter net income to \$30.2 million, compared to \$57.7m. in the corresponding period one year ago. Revenues for the quarter increased 10.3%, to \$914.1m., from \$828.8m. in the same period last year. The results were in line with expectations, analysts said. "If you want to compare apples to apples you have to look at the operating income," said Tal Liani, an analyst at Zannex Securities in Herzliya. "If you look at the bottom line there has been a big decline; however it's misleading, because until the first quarter of

'97 the bottom line was affected by extraordinary items." In the second quarter, Koor's operating income dropped 5% to \$84.5m., "a good sign," Liani said. The company's NYSE-traded stock was up slightly to \$21.125 in early morning trading yesterday. The increase in revenue reflected growth in exports and international sales, said company CEO Benjamin Gaon in a statement. "Anticipating the impact of peri-

ods of slower growth at home. Koor took the necessary steps to develop our capabilities in export-oriented businesses, thus reducing dependence on individual large domestic customers, such as Bezeq," he said. Gaon attributed the local slowdown to a drop in the annual rate of GDP growth, the Bank of Israel's monetary policy and the political climate. Analysts do not expect the

results to effect Claridge's decision regarding the purchase of an additional 10% stake in the company. Last month, Claridge purchased half of Shamrock's stake in Koor, with a 90-day option to purchase the remainder of Shamrock's holding. In a statement, Claridge said the results were "more or less what we expected." Based in Tel Aviv, Koor is a multi-industry operation company, with core interests in the telecommunications, electronics and agro-chemical sectors. The company, which employs 21,000 people worldwide, accounts for over 7% of Israel's industrial output and exports.

## Naphtha buys \$25.5m. oil corp. stake

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Naphtha Israel Petroleum Corp. acquired the government's 99.9% stake in the Israel National Oil Corporation (INOC) for \$25.5 million, the Government Companies Authority announced Tuesday.

The transaction is subject to the approval of the Knesset Finance Committee and the Antitrust Authority.

The Ratto group, which includes U.S. oil executive Jerry Mandale, bid \$25m. for INOC, while the group headed by Yitzhak Alush, in association with Lev Levey and the Kastenberg family of the U.S., bid \$23.5m.

"After requesting the three top bidders to improve their bids, we then gave the leading two an extra chance to improve their offers," a statement released by the Government Companies Authority explained. "At the conclusion of the process, Naphtha's improved offer was the highest bid."

Seven companies originally participated in the tender process.

The authority said that between 1994-1996, INOC lost NIS 30m.

In recent months, it executed a NIS 15m. shaft sinking venture in Nissanim, near the Erez check point, which came up dry.

So far this year, the government has raised more than NIS 3.7b. by selling part or all of its holdings in Bezeq, Israel Chemicals, Yoza and the Discount, Leumi and Mizrahi banks.

The government aims to sell NIS 4b. in state assets by the end of the year.

Among the companies the government has yet to privatize are the Israel Electric Corporation, Zim, El Al and Israel Aircraft Industries.



Rainy season

Agricultural workers with plastic bags over their heads waded yesterday through a flooded field in Wada village, 150 kilometers north of Bombay, India. Heavy rains across the whole of central India have been a boon to farmers.

(Reuters)

## Industrial output up, trade deficit down

Globes Business News

Economic indicators released yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics point to growth, as industrial production rose and the trade deficit fell in the June-July period. According to the Central Bureau of Statistics, industrial output for the April-May period rose at annual rate of 7%-8%, as compared with 4%-5% in February-March

and 1%-2% in January-June. The plastics, chemicals, electric and electronic supplies sectors all grew over 8% in terms of output volume. The textile, apparel, tanning and industries supplying the construction sector demonstrated more moderate growth. The food sector was also up in industrial output terms. The July trade deficit, excluding diamonds and fuel, was \$456 million, almost unchanged from June. The July deficit is significantly lower than that of the January-February period, which was \$780m. per month. The current trade deficit, in annual terms, is \$5.5 billion, compared with \$9.4b. in January, a 41.5% drop. Retail store sales rose in July by 8%, in annual terms, compared with a 9% rise in June and 12% in

April-May. Durable goods imports were up 8% in July, in annual terms, following a 4%-5% rise in the April-June period. There was also a rise in the number of hotel stays, for the first time since the tourism crisis began in February of last year, and raw material imports for manufacturing stabilized, after having risen in May. The annual rate of inflation rose to 10%-11%, exceeding the official limit set by the government of 7%-10% for this year and for 1998. Meanwhile, Yoram Gabbai, head of the government-appointed Gabbai Committee which suggested a series of economic reforms earlier this year, forecasted a drop in per capita output and in the

standard of living for 1998. Gabbai, who currently serves as chairman of the Pelim investment house, and said per capita output will increase by only 2.5%-3%, or 0.5% less than Finance Ministry projections. Private consumption will also increase minimally, he said, by 2%-3%, which is also lower than the Treasury predictions. Gabbai said that the government will find it difficult to cut the full amount from the budget, NIS 2.3b., required to reach its target deficit of 2.4% of GDP. "Every attempt to cut health, education and defense will jeopardize the government's stability. The coalition structure does not allow for a real cut in the budget, or for taxing allocations, or for education and health fees," he said.

## Tadiran wins \$20m. US tender

Jerusalem Post Staff

Reports that Tadiran Communications won a \$20 million tender to provide tactical communications computer systems to the US Marines are accurate, a company spokesperson confirmed. Tadiran Communications, Tadiran Ltd.'s defense communications business, will sign the contract in the next few days, the spokesperson said. The company expects future contracts to follow.

"In this field, one contract generally leads to another and to another," the spokesperson said. "There is great potential here."

Tadiran's tactical communications machinery allow soldiers in the field to receive visual information about the battlefield via handheld computers.

"Before soldiers in the field could only receive audio information, but these computers allow soldiers to see the information on screen," the spokesperson said.

Tadiran Communications also announced its interest in expanding its market share by buying a communications factory. The company is currently considering several options, most of them in the US.

Tadiran Telecommunications, Tadiran Ltd.'s most profitable division in the second quarter of the year, currently has \$300m. in orders. Eighty-five percent of the company's annual revenue comes from overseas sales.

Tadiran Ltd.'s second-quarter net profit dropped 73% to \$14.1m. compared to the same quarter in 1996. The company attributed the drop to the decrease in local sales, adding that it is currently refocusing its efforts on streamlining its business and increasing exports.

Following the release of the quarterly report earlier in the month, Tadiran Ltd. said it expects Tadiran Communications to receive about \$100m. in new contracts by the end of September.

In addition to its defense communications division, Tadiran Ltd. has holdings in the telecommunication equipment, electronic systems, appliances and batteries, and software field.

(Blomberg)

## Israel electric חברת החשמל

TENDERS

### IEC Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 9/115 for Distributed Systems Management Implementation

Stage A - Submission of technical/commercial details without prices

The Israel Electric Corporation Ltd. (hereafter "the Corporation") hereby invites bids in a two-stage process, for implementation of the Distributed Systems Management (DSM) on the Israel Electric Corporation's Information Technology and communications infrastructure.

The Corporation requires a comprehensive system which contains, among others, the following:

- Framework
- Network Management
- Systems resources Management
- Database Management
- Inventory Management
- Performance Management
- Software Distribution Management
- User Administration Management

Implementation of all the components comprising the DSM system is required, including, among others:

- Installation
- Integration
- Training

#### Requirements:

- ★ Knowledge and proven experience in implementing DSM systems in Israel
- ★ International performance guarantee
- ★ A professional team of a high standard
- ★ Experience in managing complex projects

#### Preliminary Conditions

Participation in the tender is subject to compliance with the preliminary conditions detailed in the Tender Regulations 1993, Para. 6(a) 1, 2, 3 (i.e., registration as required by law, compliance with mandatory specifications, and the holding of the permits required by law for transactions with public bodies).

Bids must also comply with the conditions stated in paragraph 0.16 in the management chapter.

The tender documents and further information may be obtained from the Information Systems and Communications Division, 11 Sderot Pal-Yam, Haifa (11th floor, room 1111), Tel. 04-861-5294, Sunday - Thursday, between 6 a.m. and 3 p.m., starting August 31, 1997. The tender documents are available on submission of a receipt for the sum of NIS 1,930 (inc. VAT), demonstrating payment into the Corporation's account at any branch of the Postal Bank. This payment is non-refundable. Payment slips may be obtained from the above address or by phone, Tel. 04-861-5294. Before purchasing the tender documents, they may be perused at the offices of the Corporation at the above address.

Bids must be put in a sealed envelope and placed in the Tenders Box on the 11th floor of the Pal-Yam building, by the last date for submitting bids.

Last date for submitting bids: November 6, 1997, at 3 p.m.

The Corporation reserves the right to negotiate with various bidders at its sole discretion.

No undertaking is given to accept the lowest or any bid.

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Redemption Price:	115.87

## Fidelity to close Magellan Fund to new investors

Fidelity Investments said it will close its flagship Magellan mutual fund to new investors at the end of next month, saying the fund has grown too large for its own good. The decision to close Magellan, the world's biggest fund with almost \$63 billion in assets, signals the end of an era for Fidelity. The Boston-based firm became the No. 1 US fund group largely because of the long-term success of Magellan, which attracted hundreds of thousands of investors to Fidelity.

Fidelity wants to reduce its reliance on mutual fund fees in favor of getting more revenue from brokerage services, analysts said. In 1996, fees from Magellan accounted for \$245.4 million, or about 5 percent of the company's \$5.08 billion in total revenue. "By closing Magellan, Fidelity is showing it's willing to take bold steps to go after a new audience of customers," said Geoff Bobroff, an independent industry consulting firm in East Greenwich, Rhode Island.

Fidelity said Magellan will still be open to some investors after September 30, namely those who already own shares of the fund and to participants in most group retirement plans where the fund is an existing investment option. Most of Magellan's 4.3 million shareholders - about 70 percent - own the fund in a retirement

account. "We expect this step will lead to a much more gradual expansion of the fund's size," said Robert Pozen, head of Fidelity's \$500 billion mutual fund group. Fidelity offers or markets about 250 funds to investors.

Pozen made the decision to shut Magellan, along with the fund's manager Bob Stansky, said a person familiar with the decision.

Fidelity Magellan is the biggest fund by far. The closest rival is Vanguard Group's Index 500 Portfolio, which has about \$45 billion in assets.

Fidelity and most fund companies don't like to close funds because doing so limits the fees they can earn. But some analysts, customers and even its own marketing executives have been calling on Fidelity to close Magellan because they said the fund's current size was hurting shareholder returns, especially in the past three years.

Magellan's performance ranks No. 240 of 405 "growth" stock funds tracked by Bloomberg Fund Performance over the past three years, rising at an annual rate of 21.53 percent. That performance is way down on a relative basis from its heyday in the 1980s, when Peter Lynch was managing the fund and its assets were much smaller.







# TASE stocks rise led by banks

By DAN GERSTENFELD and Bloomberg

## Tel Aviv

Stocks in Tel Aviv gained for the first time in five trading days after banks, including Bank Hapoalim, the country's biggest, rose.

Bank Hapoalim rose 0.75 percent after M.T. Holdings, which holds the government's assets in banks, received valuations for the bank that exceeded its current market value.

Bank Leumi rose 0.5 percent and Israel Discount Bank rose 1 percent.

Koor Industries Ltd., Israel's biggest publicly traded industrial company, closed unchanged after it announced second-quarter earnings in line with expectations. Koor said its second-quarter net income dropped 48 percent, as slower economic growth hurt the company's businesses.

Koor earned 40 cents per American depository receipt.

## Europe

UK stocks rose as the market strengthened, fueling optimism for exporters and countering yesterday's decline by US shares. Banks also spurred the market, amid speculation Abbey National Plc could be the target of a takeover offer, with Lloyds TSB Group Plc pegged as a possible candidate.

The benchmark FT-SE 100 index of top stocks rose 26.9 points to 4915.2, rebounding from an earlier fall of as much as 21 points.

"Clearly Wall Street is still playing a major part, and speculation that German interest rates will rise is unsettling markets," said John Hatherly, head of research at M & G Ltd., which controls 10 billion pounds (\$1.6 billion) in UK equities.

"But exporters have suffered the strength of sterling this year and the apparent stabilization of the mark may mean the fall has been broken for industrials."

Broader market measures were



Maof 296.6 ▲ 3.1

Dow Jones 7787.33

FTSE 4904.9 ▲ 0.38

Nikkei 18441.94 ▼ 1.98

more mixed. The FT-SE 250 index of mid-sized companies rose 0.4 points to 4650.4 and the FT-SE Actuaries 350, a combination of the other two, gained 11.5 points to 2570.5.

On Tuesday, the Bundesbank chose to leave German interest rates unchanged. Most investors still expect they'll rise soon. Exporters such as Reuters Holdings Plc and TI Group Plc rose on optimism the strength of the mark will help boost profits.

Reuters, whose biggest market is Europe, soared 19p to 644 and added 1.8 points to the FT-SE 100.

The pound had climbed more than 15 percent this year against the mark, causing many companies to cut profit expectations as their sales abroad were diminished once they were converted into pounds.

## Asia

Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 stock average fell to a four-month

low, led by semiconductor shares such as Fujitsu Ltd. and NEC Corp., after chipmakers were downgraded to by Nomura Financial Research Center.

"Nomura is the proverbial 500-pound gorilla - what they say has a lot of impact," said Scott Callon, vice president in the financial strategies group at Morgan Stanley Japan Ltd.

The benchmark Nikkei fell 373.04 points, or 1.98 percent, to 18,441.94, its lowest level since April 27.

Hideki Wakabayashi, a Nomura senior analyst, cut profit forecasts of six chipmakers for the year ending March 1998, citing lower prices for 16- and 64-megabit dynamic random-access memory.

He downgraded the industry group to "neutral" from "strong" in a report released yesterday after the market closed.

"We're seeing profit-taking in the electrical shares as word of the Nomura downgrade spreads," said Takashi Yamaguchi, a fund manager at Taiyo Investment Trust & Management Co., which handles 1.5 trillion yen (\$12.7 billion) in securities.

The Topix index of all shares on the first index of the Tokyo Stock Exchange fell 35.13 points, or 1.53 percent, to 1442.78. Decliners outpaced advancers four to one.

Nikkei 225 index futures traded in Singapore fell 325 to 18,440. Those traded in Osaka fell 300 points to 18,460.

## Wall Street

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Blue-chip stocks closed higher yesterday as sellers called time-out after wrestling the market down for four straight sessions.

Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial average edged up 5.11 points to 7,787.33 after losing nearly 240 points since last Thursday.

In the broader market, advancing issues led declines 16-11 on more active volume of 494 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 4.23 points to 1,295.53.

The Dow had spent most of the day limping lower, drifting as low as 7,700 before late buy programs sparked a turnaround.

Analysts said there was no fresh news, and investors braced for Thursday's first revision of second-quarter gross domestic product.

Experts surveyed by Reuters forecast, on average, that the report would show annualized GDP growth of 3.3 percent during the second quarter, up sharply from 2.2 percent in the initial report.

Among active issues, Novell Inc. closed at 9.38, down 19 3/4 on the day after its chief executive quashed rumors that the computer network software company might be bought by International Business Machines Corp. The rumors propelled the stock high Tuesday.

US West	36.875	-0.635
United Tech	78.75	-0.125
Unocal Corp	38.25	-0.875
VF Corp	28.875	-0.25
Valeo Energy	33	-0.025
Varni Assoc	57.1875	-0.75
Viacom Inc	31.5	-0.75
Viacom	24.9375	-0.025
Viacom Materials	88	-2.125
Wachovia	61.125	-0.975
Walgreen	27.4375	-0.925
Wal-Mart Stores	38.3075	-0.125
Walmart	125.375	-0.375
Wash Gas Light	25.0625	-0.125
Washington Post	20.125	-0.25
Waste Mgmt Inc	22.525	-0.025
Waters-Johnson	35.5625	-1.75
West	33.375	-1.125
Westinghouse	24	-1.025
Westinghouse E	25.3125	-0.375
Westinghouse	33.5625	-0.025
Wheat	24.75	-0.025
Whitcomb	58.9125	-0.75
Whitcomb	24.75	-0.125
Williams Co	47	-0.575
Wm Dept Stores	35	-0.025
Woolworth	27.875	-0.125
Worldcom	91	-0.125
Worldway	18.275	-0.125
Worldway	27.875	-0.125
Xerox	76	-0.25
Yellow Freight	27.875	-0.125
Zenith Electron	10.5625	-0
Zoro Co	20	-0

## NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

Index	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	7787.33	+5.30
DJ Transport	2801.25	+0.25
DJ Utilities	293.35	+0.05
DJ Comp	2436.58	-0.22
NYSE Index	602.99	+1.42
NYSE Transp	434.85	-0.17
NYSE Comp	476.06	+0.17
S&P 100	885.33	+1.04
S&P Spot Index	973.7	+0.68

## NYSE STOCKS

Declines	Unchanged	Advances
Shares	1667	1618
Volume up (in 1000s)	2556.48	
Volume down (in 1000s)	2180.12	

## OTHER MARKET INDEXES

Index	Last	Change
FTSE 100	4904.9	+0.38
Taipei Nikkei	18441.94	-1.98
Singapore all-shares index	477.71	-0.28
Hong Kong Hang Seng Index	15653.0	-13.3
Israeli Index	276.48	+6.29

## DOLLAR CROSSRATES (US)

Country	Last	Change
France (DM)	1.6132	-0.0028
Germany (DM)	1.6132	-0.0028
UK (sterling)	1.805	-0.01
Japan (Yen)	0.0069	-0.0009
Spain (Peseta)	1.63715	-0.0028
Italy (Lira)	171.89	-0.0028
Canada (CAD)	0.004235	-3.3e-005
Canada (CAD)	1.3867	-0.002
Switzerland (CHF)	0.7228	+0.0003
Australia (A\$)	0.7423	-0.0061
South Africa (Rand)	0.7477	-0.0026
France (FF)	17.96	+0.13
UK (sterling)	12.76	-0.0883
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## US COMMODITIES

Commodity	Last	Change
Cocoa (100 lbs)	165.5	-0.5
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Wheat (100 lbs)	311.25	+7.25
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## SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

Metal	Last	Change
Gold spot	325.45	-0.3
Silver spot	4.67	-0.02

## NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

Metal	Last	Change
Gold (Aug)	325.5	-0.2
Silver (Sep)	4.64	-0.017
Platinum (Oct)	143.2	-1.4
Palladium (Sep)	193.95	-3.15
High-grade copper (Sep)	7.99	-0.001

## LONDON METAL FIXES

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Bell	20.5	-0.5
Bombardier	20.5	-0.5
Bois	20.5	-0.5
British Airways	20.5	-0.5
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# Beersheba aim to scorch Lithuanians

By DEREK FATTAL

Beersheba's municipal stadium is set to turn into a cauldron of heat, noise and color tonight as over 10,000 of the town's folk take to the terraces to cheer on State Cup holders Hapoel Beersheba in their quest for victory in the European Cup Winners' Cup.

The southerners are hosting Lithuania's Zalgiris Vilnius in the return leg of their second preliminary round fixture. The Beershebans stymied their opponents in the first leg to come back home with a 0-0 draw, which provides an excellent springboard for the side to join some of the continent's star names in Friday's first-round draw of the tournament.

The Lithuanians are no strangers to European club play but basketball is the number one sport in the country, and Zalgiris - who attracted a minuscule attendance in the first leg - could be put out of their stride by the vociferous southern supporters. The visitors arrived only yesterday mid-morning, leaving themselves little time to acclimatize to the fiery desert heat, and held their first training session at the stadium.

# Newcastle draw with Zagreb, advance on aggregate Rai hat-trick helps PSG to stunning win

ZAGREB (Reuters) - Newcastle advanced to the European Champions League after a 2-2 draw last night in their European Cup preliminary second-leg match with Croatia Zagreb saw them win 4-3 on aggregate.

Newcastle opened the scoring with a 44th-minute penalty by Faustino Asprilla. After the interval, Croatia leveled with Dario Simic's score in the 59th minute.

Igor Cvitanovic put the hosts ahead in the last minute of regulation play, but Temari Ketsbaia saved the day for the Magpies with a 120th-minute score.

In Paris, Paris St Germain defied the odds to qualify for the Champions' League with a stunning 5-0 win over Steaua Bucharest, Brazilian skipper Rai helping himself to a hat-trick.

The French champions had faced a daunting task against the 1986 winners of the trophy after a selection blunder cost them a 3-0 defeat in the first leg.

They had lost only 3-2 in Bucharest but were subsequently penalized two goals by UEFA for fielding a banned player.

PSG romped to a 4-0 halftime lead after Rai had converted a penalty in the second minute. He scored again in the 22nd minute, Marco Simone added the third after 32 minutes and Florian Maurice the fourth four minutes before halftime.

Rai put the issue beyond doubt when he completed his hat-trick after 55 minutes.

In Glasgow, Robert Andersson punished an error by Scottish international goalkeeper Andy Goran as IFK Goteborg gained a 1-1 tie at Glasgow Rangers and cruised into the group stage of the Champions Cup on a 4-1 aggregate.

Already 3-0 ahead from the first leg in Sweden, Goteborg fell behind midway through the first half but otherwise looked in little danger in the second leg of the second qualifying round.

Charlie Miller gave Rangers hope with a goal in the 24th minute.

Swedish international midfielder Jonas Thern sent over a cross from the left, Ian Ferguson pushed the ball into Miller's path and the midfielder fired a low strike that went beyond keeper Thomas Ravelli into the corner.

But the equalizer came four minutes into the second half when keeper Goran failed to cut out a corner and Andersson took advantage of a hesitant defense to prod the ball home.

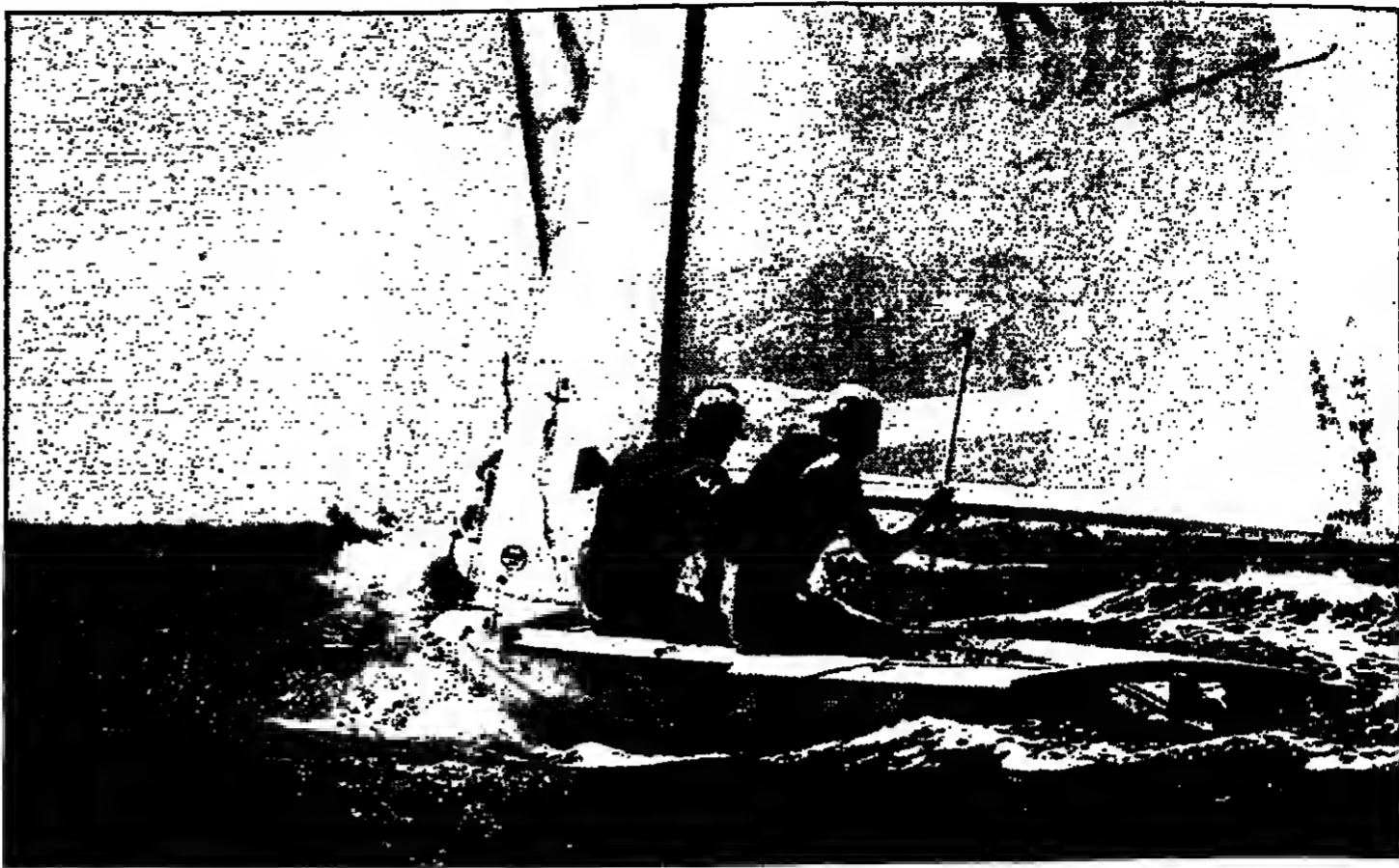
Recovered from chicken pox, Danish star Brian Laudrup made an appearance in the second half for Rangers but made little impact.

Dynamo Tbilisi restored Georgian honor yesterday with a 1-0 home win over Bayer Leverkusen.

The Bundesliga runners-up did little to impress their future opponents in the European Champions' League - but with a 6-1 lead from the first leg they had little to play for.

David Mudzinski's searing 20-meter free kick in the 11th minute found the Bayer wall lacking and hit the net.

Premier League (last night's results) - Barnsley 2, Bolton 1; Coventry 1, West Ham 1; Everton 0, Manchester United 2; Leicester 3, Arsenal 3; Southampton 1, Crystal Palace 0; Tottenham 3, Aston Villa 2; Wimbledon 0, Chelsea 2. Played Tuesday - Leeds 0, Liverpool 2.



YOUNG MEN AND THE SEA - Russian sailors Dmitry Beryozkin and Yevgey Bormatov

(Byron McInnes)

# Israeli women chasing bronze

## Kedmi, Fabrikant lie in 4th place at World Sailing Championships

By HEATHER CHAIT

It was a stormy day at sea yesterday for the Israeli women's team on the fourth day of the World Sailing Championships (470-division) in Tel Aviv.

In the eighth race, Anat Fabrikant and Shani Kedmi were lying in second position when the judges decreed that their sail had been opened in an illegal fashion and punished them with an extra 720 degrees (two additional circles).

Despite being penalized, the pair ended that sail in third place and are in fourth place overall with 36 points and a realistic chance of a medal.

One point ahead of them is the Ukrainian team of Vladelina Krachun and Natalia Gapovonich while Germany's Nicola Birkner and Wibke Buelic are second.

Leading the women after eight sails and with four left are the Ukrainians Ruslana Taran and Elena Pakholchik.

At the halfway mark out of 12 sails in the men's competition, the Israeli pair of Nir and Ran Shenat are in fifth place. They found the going tough yesterday, ending their three sails with placings of 19, 10 and 19.

In first place among the men is the Finnish team of Petri Leskinen and Kristian Heinila who placed first and eighth yesterday with European champions Vitor Rocha and Nuno Barreto (2,3) from Portugal second. Slovenia's Tomaz Copi and Mitja Margon are in third place.



FIRE UP - Galatasaray's Gheorghe Hagi celebrates after striker Adrian Ilie scored against FC Sion of Switzerland. Galatasaray won the match 4-1, 8-2 on aggregate.

(Reuters)

The Georgians battled for a second goal and Muzhiri hit the woodwork shortly after the break. But it was not to be.

New Brazilian signing Emerson missed a good opportunity to level the scores.

In Moscow, Spartak Moscow failed to convert 90 minutes of relentless pressure into a goal yesterday and their scoreless draw was enough to send Slovakia's Kosice into the European Champions' League. Kosice went through 2-1 on aggregate.

Time and again the Russian attack, spearheaded by Dmitry Alenichev and Brazilian signing Robson, lost its way amid the packed Slovak defence.

In Istanbul, Romanian striker Adrian Ilie scored a hat-trick as Turkey's Galatasaray repeated their 4-1 first leg score against Sion of Switzerland.

# Ankara beats Mac TA in hoops final

By ELI GRONER

Telecom Ankara defeated hosts Maccabi Tel Aviv 75-64 last night to win the Pini Lahav Memorial Tournament at Yad Eliyahu. Dragomir Milicic paved the way for Ankara, pouring in 21 points.

In the third-place playoff, Puck Saloniki beat Aris Saloniki 80-71.

Like any team with a point guard problem, Maccabi couldn't handle Ankara's zone defense. Quick defensive rotations from the Turks frustrated Maccabi's outside shooters.

Maccabi suffered from defensive lapses and lackadaisical cross-court passes as well. Those were converted by Ankara into a bevy of second-chance and transition points.

On the defensive end, the experienced Milicic abused Maccabi's new 23-year-old import Rashard Griffith, with spin moves and driving hook shots. That problem was compounded by the lack of any defensive help from Maccabi's guards.

Coach Zinko Yelovatz is hopeful that Maccabi's problems will disappear when Nadav Henefeld and Doron Sheffer recover from their injuries.

# Testud upsets Majoli at US Open

NEW YORK (AP) - Sandrine Testud of France continued her sparkling year, upsetting fourth-seeded Iva Majoli 6-4, 2-6, 6-1 yesterday and moving into the third round of the US Open.

The loss also continued Majoli's decline since she was the surprising French Open winner in June.

Testud upset Monica Seles at Wimbledon and beat Arantxa Sanchez Vicari earlier this summer. Last week, she beat Majoli in the US Women's Hardcourt Championships semifinals before losing the title match to Lindsay Davenport.

Testud is ranked 17th in the world and would have been seeded in this year's final Grand Slam tournament if this week's rankings were used.

She solved the winds that swirled around Arthur Ashe Stadium, while Majoli consistently sprayed her shots wide or pounded them into the net.

Earlier, Spaniards Sergi Bruguera and Alberto Berasategui followed similar US Open script - only with different results.

The seventh-ranked Bruguera dropped the first two sets before rallying to defeat qualifier Michael Tebbut of Australia 3-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2. Berasategui won the first two sets before losing to Australian Wayne Ferreira 6-7 (0-7), 2-6, 6-3, 6-1, 6-3.

In women's second-round matches, eighth-seeded Anke Huber of Germany beat Janet Lee of the US, 6-2, 6-1; Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria rallied to defeat the US's Lisa Raymond, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4; South Africa's Joannette Kruger stopped Henrieta Nagyova of Slovakia 6-4, 7-6 (7-4); Italy's Flora Perletti downed Sarah Pitkowski of France 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; Natasha Zvereva of Belarus beat Japan's Naoko Sawamatsu 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, and Thailand's Tamarine Tanasugarn defeated Maria Alejandra Ventro of Venezuela 6-4, 6-3.

Also moving into the men's second round were 13th-seeded Patrick Rafter of Australia, who eliminated Russia's Andrei Medvedev 6-3, 6-4, 7-5, and Denmark's Kenneth Carlsen, who defeated Tuomas Ketola of Finland 6-2, 6-3, 6-1.

Bruguera's career has been hampered by a string of injuries since he won the French Open in 1993 and '94. He went from No. 3 in the world to 81 before rebounding this year.

Tebbut, who had to battle his way through qualifying to reach the main draw, used his big serve to control the points and he pounded out a 2-0 set lead. But his serving percentage collapsed from 61 percent in the second set to only 42 percent in the third as Bruguera began his comeback with his precise groundstrokes.

Tuesday night, Andre Agassi finally showed up at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

The 1994 US Open winner skipped Monday night's dedication of the new 22,547-seat stadium, missing the greatest lineup of champions ever assembled - 37 of them - who stood on the court to pay tribute to the man whose name adorns the centerpiece of the \$247 million National Tennis

Center renovation. Agassi was there earlier, attending the champions' dinner. But when the others walked from a tent on one side of the facility to the red brick stadium on the other side, Agassi disappeared.

"A situation arose that I needed to make a call," Agassi said after his first-round match Tuesday night. "Quite honestly, it was very disappointing for me not to be there. But sometimes priorities call, and I missed out. I was more disappointed than anybody else."

Agassi, whose year has been marked by marriage and injury, is playing in his first Grand Slam tournament of 1997. He missed the Australian because of his marriage to actress Brooke Shields; he bypassed the French Open and Wimbledon because of a wrist injury.

"It feels great," Agassi said of his return. "It's nice. The US Open always has a great feel to it. It's nice not to miss this one."

Three years ago, Agassi, once ranked No. 1 in the world, was unseeded at the US Open. At the end of the two weeks, he reigned as champion.

He is unseeded again this year for only the second time in a decade. But he is happy with his game.

"The fundamentals of everything that I need to improve on are there now," he said. "Now it's about just striking the ball a little bigger. It becomes fine tuning certain things that happen automatically."

Two seeded men were upset in a glorious day for French tennis.

Frenchman Guillaume Raoux eliminated No. 8 Carlos Moya 6-4, 7-6 (7-2), 6-2; Arnaud Boetsch of France ousted No. 16 Albert Costa 6-2, 6-4, 6-4, and Nicolas Escude of France, a "lucky loser" who gained a main draw berth when No. 11 Thomas Enqvist of Sweden withdrew at the last minute with an unspecified illness, defeated Michael Joyce of Los Angeles 7-6 (7-5), 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

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# Yankees rout Athletics, 18-2

## 22-hit attack features Martinez's 41st HR; Braves edge Astros in 11

OAKLAND (AP) — Tino Martinez hit his 41st homer as the New York Yankees got 22 hits — their highest total in 11 years — to rout the Oakland Athletics 18-2 Tuesday.

Joe Girardi and Rey Sanchez had four hits each, and Martinez, Bernie Williams and Tim Lincecum had three apiece. Martinez raised his major league-leading RBI total to 124.

New York got the most hits off Oakland in 19 years. The Yankees sent 13 batters to the plate in an eight-run fifth, then batted nine in a six-run seventh that included Martinez's three-run homer.

Royals 5, Orioles 4  
Pinch-runner Johnny Damon stole two bases in the top of the ninth inning and scored the go-ahead run on a groundout as Kansas City edged a five-game losing streak.

Brady Anderson hit a grand slam and Cal Ripken had three hits for the Orioles, who had won five straight and nine of 10.

Jay Bell and Chili Davis hit consecutive homers in the first off Jimmy Key, and the Royals led 4-0 in the fourth before Baltimore pulled even on Anderson's second career grand slam.

In the ninth, Jermaine Dye led off with a single off Armando Benitez (3-4) and was replaced by Damon, who stole second and third and scored on a bounce to shortstop by Jed Hansen.

Twins 8, Tigers 2  
Rich Robertson won for the first time in 10 starts since June 14, as host Minnesota won for just the second time in 16 games.

Robertson (8-12), set a career best for victories, allowing one run and four hits in 7 1/3 innings, striking out a season-high nine, one short of his career high.

Chuck Knoblauch extended his hitting streak to 18 with a leadoff single and scored on a single by Paul Molitor. Ron Coomer, who went 3-for-4 with two RBIs, had another run-scoring single for a 2-0 lead.

Knoblauch also stole his 50th base of the season in the first, passing Rod Carew to set a Twins' season record.

White Sox 8, Blue Jays 5  
Frank Thomas had three hits and reached the 30-home run plateau for the sixth time in seven seasons for visiting Chicago.

Thomas followed Dave Martinez's bunt single with a line shot to left-center off Marty Janzen in the sixth for his 30th home run of the season and 500th career extra-base hit.

Albert Belle had three hits, scored twice and drove in his 98th run.

Martinez extended his career-high hitting streak to 19 games.

Mariners 8, Red Sox 2  
Jamie Moyer (14-4) set a career high for wins and Roberto Kelly drove in three runs for host Seattle.

Moyer (14-4) pitched a seven-inning complete game, striking out eight to match his season high and walking one. He is 20-6 since Seattle acquired him from Boston on July 30, 1996.

Boston rookie Nomar Garciaparra stretched his hitting streak to 28 games, the second longest in the major leagues this season.

Brewers 11, Rangers 10 (12)  
Fernando Vina singled home the winning run in the bottom of the 12th inning as Milwaukee (66-65) won for the ninth time in 12 games to climb above .500 for the first time since Aug. 4.

Bryan Everard (0-1), recalled from the minors, gave up a leadoff triple to Mike Matheny and Vina followed with a single to right.

Angels 8, Indians 7  
Tim Salmon hit a foul sacrifice fly in the bottom of the ninth



SAFE AT HOME — Atlanta's Ryan Klesko scores as Houston's catcher Brad Ausmus makes the late tag. Klesko scored on a third-inning double by Andrew Jones. The Braves won 7-6 in 11 innings.

six hits in six innings, sending the fading Mets to their 12th loss in 17 games. Host San Francisco is 8-2 against New York this season. Rick Reed (10-8) lost his fourth straight start, allowing four runs and six hits in six innings.

Braves 7, Astros 6  
Javy Lopez homered off Billy Wagner with two outs in the bottom of the 11th inning as Atlanta won despite wasting a six-run lead.

Wagner (7-6), who started the 10th, struck out Danny Bautista and Andrew Jones before allowing Lopez's team-leading 20th homer.

Brad Clontz (5-1), recalled earlier in the day from Triple-A Richmond, escaped a bases-

loaded jam in the 10th by striking out Billy Steiers with the bases loaded.

Craig Biggio tied the score against Chad Fox in the eighth with his 19th homer, a two-run shot.

Atlanta won for the fifth time in six games.

Rockies 9, Reds 5  
Jeff Reed hit a three-run homer in the bottom of the eighth and Vinny Castilla hit a pair of home runs as Colorado ended a three-game losing streak.

Pedro A. Martinez (1-1) allowed a single to Dante Bichette and walked Ellis Burks before giving way to Scott Sullivan, who gave up Reed's 11th home run in the

eighth. Walt Weiss followed with an RBI double.

Mike DeJean (4-0) pitched a scoreless eighth and Jerry Dipoto got the final three outs.

Phillies 4, Padres 2  
Mike Grace (1-0) won in his first major league appearance since May 1996, allowing two runs and six hits in seven innings. He missed the second half of the 1996 season with shoulder trouble, then strained his right triceps during spring training.

Tony Barron drove in two runs for host Philadelphia, 24-19 since the All-Star break. Ken Caminiti went 3-for-4 for San Diego, which has lost eight of 10.

R.Reed, Harnisch (7), Y.Perez (8), Lidle (8) and Hundley, W.Alvarez, 3-1. L.—R.Reed, 10-8. HR—San Francisco, Snow (2).

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BATTING—F.Thomas, Chicago, .353; Justice, Cleveland, .340; Groom, Texas, .328; Ramirez, Cleveland, .326; W.Clark, Texas, .326; B.Williams, New York, .325; M.Vaughn, Boston, .325; S.Alomar, Cleveland, .325; E.Martinez, Seattle, .325; RUNS—Garciaparra, Boston, 105; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 92; B.Hunter, Detroit, 91; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 97; F.Thomas, Chicago, 92; B.Hunter, Detroit, 91; E.Martinez, Seattle, 91.

RBI—T.Martinez, New York, 124; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 120; Salmon, Anaheim, 107; F.Thomas, Chicago, 104; J.Gonzalez, Texas, 104; O'Neill, New York, 103; To.Clark, Detroit, 98; Belle, Chicago, 88.  
HITS—Garciaparra, Boston, 178; Greer, Texas, 162; J.H.Gianti, Boston, 160; Jeter, New York, 159; R.Rodriguez, Texas, 156; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 154; G.Anderson, Anaheim, 153.

HOME RUNS—Griffey Jr., Seattle, 43; T.Martinez, New York, 41; Thome, Cleveland, 36; McGwire, Oakland, 34; J.Gonzalez, Texas, 32; Bunner, Seattle, 31; F.Thomas, Chicago, 30.  
STOLEN BASES—B.Hunter, Detroit, 62; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 51; Nixon, Toronto, 47; T.Gooden, Texas, 42; Vizquel, Cleveland, 35; Durham, Chicago, 29; A.Rodriguez, Seattle, 26.

PITCHING (15 Decisions)—Clayton, Toronto, 20-1, .833, 1.80; R.Johnson, San Diego, 17-4, .810, 2.32; Moyer, Seattle, 14-4, .778, 4.10; Erickson, Baltimore, 15-5, .750, 3.28; Dickson, Anaheim, 13-5, 7.22; Mussina, Baltimore, 13-5, 7.21; 5, 7.50; Radtke, Minnesota, 17-7, 7.08, 3.55.  
STRIKEOUTS—R.Johnson, Seattle, 264; Clayton, Toronto, 158; Fissero, Seattle, 158; F.Felipe, Anaheim, 155.

SAVES—R.Myers, Baltimore, 40; M.Rivera, New York, 39; D.Jones, Milwaukee, 28; P.Hernandez, Chicago, 27; Wetteland, Texas, 27; T.Jones, Detroit, 24; Puvion, Anaheim, 21; Taylor, Oakland, 21; Stocumb, Seattle, 21.  
NATIONAL LEAGUE  
BATTING—Gwynn, San Diego, .382; L.Walker, Colorado, .375; Piazza, Los Angeles, .353; Linton, Atlanta, .351; Joyner, San Diego, .332; Alfonzo, New York, .325; MaGrace, Chicago, .315.

RUNS—Biggio, Houston, 119; L.Walker, Colorado, 114; Bonds, San Francisco, 94; Galarraga, Colorado, 82; Bagwell, Houston, 89; E.Cyoung, Los Angeles, 87; Mondesi, Los Angeles, 81.  
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PITCHING (15 Decisions)—Nesque, Atlanta, 17-3, .850, 2.83; Nola, Houston, 17-3, .850, 2.28; S.Maddux, Atlanta, 17-3, .850, 2.39; Estes, San Francisco, 17-4, .810, 3.08; P.Martinez, Montreal, 15-6, .714, 1.61; Judon, Montreal, 11-5, .687, 4.22; Park, Los Angeles, 13-6, .684, 3.12.

STRIKEOUTS—Schilling, Philadelphia, 254; P.Martinez, Montreal, 245; Smoltz, Atlanta, 195; Nomo, Los Angeles, 192; K.Brown, Florida, 174; Kilo, Houston, 168; Anderson, St. Louis, 162.  
SAVES—Beck, San Francisco, 34; T.Worrell, Los Angeles, 33; J.Franco, New York, 32; Nen, Florida, 31; Wohlers, Atlanta, 31; Hoffman, San Diego, 30; Eckersley, St. Louis, 30.

American League				National League					
East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB	East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	83	45	.648	-	Atlanta	81	50	.618	-
New York	78	52	.600	6	Florida	76	54	.585	4 1/2
Boston	66	67	.496	19 1					



# Weekender

## Classic rock at Mike's Place

By AMY KLEIN

Live music can be hard to come by in Jerusalem. If you're willing to suffer the injustices of knee-knocking furniture, smoke choke and a sea of overcast students—all in the name of good music—try Mike's Place at 10 Horkanos Street in Jerusalem's Russian Compound.

Fuzzy and loud, Mike's Place is a small rectangle of a room that looks like it was someone's basement turned into a makeshift bar. There are low chairs and tables, wood cubicles, and stools by the bar with a tender who might lend a sympathetic ear if he could hear anything. There is even seating "outside"—i.e., on the sidewalk outside the bar, where the music swells through the windows.

What makes it all worthwhile is the live bands. From 10:30-ish to 2 a.m., in the far left corner about an inch away from the tables, a different band performs every night of the week. Most of them lean towards classic rock, with covers of the Stones, Clapton, Steve Miller, et al.; but each band has its own unique flavor.

On Sundays, for now, it's Wolfman, and Mondays has Claudia, a raspy-sounding raggedy-looking band. Tuesdays sound out with Southbound Train, a jazzy-rock or a rocky-jazz band that also plays Delta blues (the down-and-dirty "real" blues from the deep South). Wednesdays is usually one of the best rock nights with The Scoobie Brothers.

Jerry's Missing Virginity pulls in the largest, oldest and yeppest crowds with its Grateful Dead, Fish, and Allman Brothers covers. Members of JMV play in the new, famous Ein Safek, a band that plays Dead, Crosby, and their own blend of music.

The weekend is also very crowded, with Grunging Ginger on Friday, and on Saturday nights, the artist still known as Stephen sings sweetly and plays a smooth guitar and harmonica.

Open from 5 p.m. to 3-ish (depending on how crowded it is), Mike's Place offers the usual drinks: 1/2-liter bottle of Carlsberg or Tuborg goes for NIS 10, a pitcher is NIS 30, and a mixed drink NIS 15-18. They have something called The Elephant for NIS 12, which is like a Carlsberg but with 7% alcohol. They don't serve food (except free pretzels). Happy hour is nightly from 6-8 with beer at half price.

So why is it called Mike's? A number of stories—which all might be true—abound. One is that it was named after a university bar in Carlton, Canada. Another is that the original owner of the bar, Mike, skipped town about three years ago, leaving an ex-wife, some debts and the bar, which is one of the few in the Russian compound that seem to have customers during the week.

Whatever the real story, the only Mike at this seedy but cozy bar is the one the singers croon into, long after most of Jerusalem has called it a night.

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Mark Frankel and Polly Walker (center) star in 'Roseanna's Grave.' The movie alternates between tender, middle-age romance and robust humor.

# Voice of the Turtletaub

### The writer of the new movie 'Roseanna's Grave' describes himself as an 'Orthodox-style' Jew

By TOM TUGEND

In youth-worshipping Hollywood, where writers in their late thirties are considered over the hill, 65-year-old Saul Turtletaub has struck a blow for the geriatric set. Turtletaub, who started as a gag writer for Borscht Belt comics and has been one of American TV's most prolific comedy writers for four decades, is celebrating his very first movie credit as the screenwriter of *Roseanna*, aka *Roseanna's Grave*.

The film deals with a traitorous owner (French actor Jean Reno) in an Italian village, who desperately tries to keep all the residents alive to save one of the few remaining plots in the local cemetery for his aging wife (Mercedes Ruchl). Despite the somewhat somber subject, and mixed reviews, Turtletaub's comic flair predominates and the film, directed by Britain's Paul Weiland, winningly alternates between tender middle-age romance and robust humor. Producer Norman Lear hailed his old colleague's achievement, declaring that "I know a lot of guys who are 35 and who are far older than Saul. He's a life force. If this doesn't send a loud message to an industry that needs a loud message, I don't know what would." Turtletaub is also notable for a less-recognized achievement. While it is not uncommon for Hollywood personalities to write generous checks for Jewish causes or to accept plaques at star-stud-

ded testimonial dinners, Turtletaub is one of the few members of the entertainment industry to enlist in the less glamorous, foot-slogging work of daily Jewish community life.

He has done so while writing and/or producing some 1,500 episodes in more than 30 comedy television series, including *Kate and Allie*, *What's Happening*, *Sanford and Son*, *Love American Style*, *The Girl*, *The Carol Burnett Show* and *The Jackie Gleason Show*.

Shortly after moving to Los Angeles in the 1960s, Turtletaub and his wife, Shirley, joined Beth Jacob Congregation of Beverly Hills, the leading modern Orthodox synagogue in Los Angeles. "I am not as strongly Orthodox as most of the congregants," among them a high percentage of writers, he says. "I'm more of an 'Orthodox-style' Jew."

His most consistent involvement has been with the Entertainment Division of the United Jewish Fund, the money-raising arm of the Jewish Federation Council. He served as the division's chairman in the late 1980s and continues as a member of its cabinet. He has

been equally active in promoting Israel Bonds and currently serves as vice-president of the regional chapter.

Turtletaub appreciates his status-raising role as a screenwriter, though he is not too enchanted with the finished product.

"For *Roseanna* is the longest thing I've ever written," he noted in a phone call from New York, where he is in the midst of a two-year stint as executive consultant to the *Cosby* television show.

"It's nice to have friends call you with congratulations and to see your name in the papers," he adds. "But it's also frustrating because in the end the film isn't really yours. I had to make a lot of changes to please the director. In films, the writer is very unimportant, while the director is god."

Turtletaub can cast an equally sober eye on some of the less elevating moments of his illustrious TV career, particularly the short-lived *Chicken Soup*. That 1989 sitcom, with Turtletaub as writer and producer, played off the ethnic and religious differences between Jewish comedian Jackie Mason as he courted the Gentile Lynn Redgrave.

In the original version, Mason was to have been married to Redgrave, but Turtletaub refused to go along with the concept. He said he could accept a Jew and Gentile falling in love, "that's an emotional reaction," but he couldn't endorse intermarriage.

The show lasted a mere eight weeks, partially because Mason was wrong for the part, Turtletaub says. "Jackie is a reactor not a producer, he's best when he's kibbitzing." But that was then.

As for now, Turtletaub's belated screenwriting career is taking off. He has finished a script for Mel Gibson, who will direct the romantic adventure story, also set in Italy, while another feature deal has been sealed with Miramax.

Coming up is a joint venture with his son, 33-year-old Jon Turtletaub, currently one of the hottest young directors in Hollywood. Saul as writer and Jon as director will collaborate on an American version of the upcoming Japanese release, *Shall We Dance*.

Father and son, who run a mutual admiration society, expect nothing but harmony on the set.

# CDs in my mind

### The prime minister's Director of Communications David Bar-Illan talks about his favorite discs

Before he became Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's director of communications, David Bar-Illan was executive editor of *The Jerusalem Post*. Prior to joining *The Post* in 1992, he was the founding editor of a short-lived Hebrew weekly *La'irvan*. He embarked on journalism as an avocation in 1960, but for three decades his forays into writing on music, politics and economics played second fiddle to his career as an international and highly acclaimed concert pianist. Bar-Illan made his first public appearance as a concert pianist in his native Haifa at the age of six and his last, 54 years later, in 1990 in Mexico.

3. Puccini's *Turandot* conducted by Zubin Mehta (London Records)

"What I really like is opera, and *Turandot* is high on my list. This performance with Mehta conducting and Joan Sutherland, Luciano Pavarotti, Mogens Caballe, and Nikolai Ghiaurov demonstrates that they're all good team players. They sing magnificently. Each is a leading singer of his genre. It's the opera that Mehta says that he likes best—and it shows in his conducting. This is one of the great classic recordings."

He changed professions because, after decades of being headquartered in New York, he wanted to come home to live in Israel, and he didn't think that it was a place where he could continue an international career.

He has played with most of the world's major orchestras and made numerous recordings. He still has ambitions to make a few more playing works by Schumann, Brahms, Chopin, and Rachmaninoff.

For this interview, Bar-Illan focused more on performers than compositions, explaining that since he was obviously familiar with the music, it was the rendition which truly moved him.



1. Schubert Sonatas performed by Arthur Schnabel (RCA)

"This is one of the greatest performances. It was originally made on 78 [rpm] by RCA, who subsequently recorded it as a CD. It includes posthumous sonatas in A major, B flat and D major, Op. 53. The amazing thing is that while nearly everything else has been bettered by younger and newer artists, the performance by Schnabel has never been equaled."

2. Rachmaninoff's Third Piano Concerto performed by Vladimir Horowitz (RCA)

"I love this CD both because of the music and the performance. It is the most moving of all piano concertos. Rachmaninoff's music is very romantic. This is the apex of his achievement and he uses the instrument as no other composer did before or since to create this kind of music on piano. This is the test of pianistic ability. It has been recorded by almost every great pianist—four times by Horowitz himself. This is by far his best and stands head and shoulders above everyone else."

—Greer Fay Cashman

# Hot tip

By KAREN SULKIS

## Tel Aviv

DID Elvis eat at Kapulsky? Or did Elvis eat Kapulsky? If he did, how did he find the right stuff for those yummy fried peanut-butter-and-banana sandwiches he must have ordered (while the rest of us have to make do with Skippy)? And if he didn't, why is the Abba Hillel Street Kapulsky having a party in his honor?

You can find out the answer to these Elvis mysteries and many more by heading over tonight to 146 Abba Hillel in Ramat Gan. An evening of Elvis-inspired 1960s music and dancing gets going around 9.

THERE'S something a little unwholesome about a 48-hour dance party that's sponsored by a tobacco company. One wonders if even a casual smoker could keep up with the beat for too long without the assistance of an inhaler. Or an emergency nicotine patch.

However, those with still-pink lungs and party kids who dig funky, phat Euro-tech beats will commingle and converge at Nitzanin Beach today and tomorrow for the Lucky (as in Lucky Strike) Dance Festival.

Transplanted London DJs, including Jez Ansel and Sister Bliss, are on tonight, along with a live performance by Britband Faithless.

Tomorrow, Italian mixer DJ Max Lanfranconi, Germany's Electric Universe, and other spinners join the musical fray. Call (03) 524-8824 for ticket information.

GET out those wacky paper glasses. It's time to play 1950s! Cinematheque's 3-D Film Festival starts tonight and runs through September 5.

Multidimensional screenings nightly at 8 and 10. Call (03) 691-7181 for ticket and program information.

RUBY Porat stars in *Naomi*, her award-winning one-woman exploration of the lives of Beduin women. Curran goes up tonight at 9 at ZOA House. Call (03) 695-9341.

TODAY'S the final day to take your youngsters to The Magic of the Tale, the children's theater festival at Suzanne Dellal Center. Performances start at 5 and 7 p.m., and there are children's activities from 5 to 9:30 p.m. Call (03) 510-5656 for more information.

MUSICIAN Meir Ariel plays at

Camelot tonight. Show starts at 11, 16 Shalom Aleichem. Call (03) 528-5222.

MACHIAVELLI'S play *Mandragola* takes to the Habimah stage tonight at 8:30. Itan Ronen directed this production.

Also tonight at Habimah, stand-up comic Shmuel Vilosny presents his one-man show, *A Jew in Darkness*. Curtain at 8:30.

## Jerusalem

ABOUT *Three Bears and One Goldilocks* is a funky-sounding children's puppet show taking place this morning at 11 at the Khan Theater Moadon. The production features Naomi Yoeli and is recommended for young people aged 3 and up.

## And Points Beyond

GOT a hankering for Chinese, Japanese, French and Italian cuisine? All on the same plate? Well, some 30 restaurants are participating in the second annual Haifa Food Festival at Wadi Salib. You can also take home cheeses, olive oils, and other gourmet treats. That is, after you've eaten your fill and sampled the free-flowing jazz tunes and other activities. From 7 p.m. to midnight.

TELEVISION personality Gidi Gov and singing superstar

Yehudit Ravitz perform tonight at the amphitheater at Lido Beach in Ashdod. The show starts at 9.

THE lush greenery around Kibbutz Tzora turns into bluegrass tonight, when folk and country artists Indri and Lynn Lewis perform. The honky-tonkers take the stage from 9 to midnight. Call (02) 990-8382 for details.

THERE'S more fun by the sea on tap in Achziv. There will be music, food, arts and crafts, dancing and more. The fun starts at 5 p.m. and continues through tomorrow.

DORON Mazer headlines Ra'anana's Sahara pub and lounge tonight. Then tomorrow, Danny Robes performs. 19 Haharoshet. Call (09) 748-2271.



Gidi Gov sings with Yehudit Ravitz in Ashdod.



# Weekender Food & Drink

## Phyllis's Notebook Feeling ginger

By PHYLIS GLAZER

Sometimes I think that the best thing about eating sushi is the pickled ginger served with it. When consuming copious amounts, I often felt that it gave me a lift, but until recently I always assumed that this was just my imagination.

The name ginger comes from the Latin translation of the Sanskrit word *zingivera*, meaning horn-root, since the root's shape is reminiscent of the horns of an animal.

Once part of the official pharmacopoeia of ancient Rome, this simple root and spice has been known for thousands of years not only for its culinary use, but also for its medicinal benefits as a physical and spiritual cleanser. First used in India - the home of Ayurvedic medicine - ginger is a popular ingredient in medical treatments throughout the Far East. In fact, it is the fifth most frequently used of all Oriental remedies.

Medical practitioners sometimes prescribed it wrapped with bread, the precursor of today's ginger bread cookie. It also was mixed into a beverage to create the first ginger ale. Chinese sailors used to chew ginger to prevent seasickness. In ancient Greece, it was used to soothe the stomach.

According to Chinese medicine, ginger helps carry other herbs and

remedies through the body by aiding their absorption, unblocking channels and waking up tired organs. Ayurvedic medicine uses it to stimulate sweating and create warmth, which are helpful in treating a viral fever.

Dried ginger, which is regarded as the most hot, pungent and spicy type, helps disperse blockages in the blood, energy, digestion, metabolism and body fluids, according to Eastern medicine. It is therefore used to alleviate cold hands and feet, chills and weakness, to drive out colds and to soothe coughs and poor digestion.

Fresh ginger is also beneficial. A mixture containing one part juice of grated ginger and five parts sesame oil is sometimes rubbed on painful joints or muscles, rubbed on the temples and forehead as a remedy for headaches, and put on cotton wool and placed in the ear to help earaches.

To treat fevers and colds, Far Eastern medical practitioners sometimes recommend the following drink: grate a small piece of fresh ginger into a glass, add the juice from half a lemon, fill the glass with hot water and sweeten with honey.

Although sometimes used to treat pregnant women, using dried powdered ginger treatments during pregnancy is a subject of controversy, and is therefore best avoided. Ginger also is considered to con-

tain high levels of the enzymes which break down meat, which made it handy in the Far East as a meat tenderizer. Use it in curries, with grains, vegetables and desserts. Crystallized ginger is also delicious in rice dishes and with baked apples.

Choose ginger roots that are firm and fresh looking; the freshest have no wrinkles and thin, almost translucent skin. Store in the refrigerator. The main section will have a stronger flavor than the outgrowths.

### HOMEMADE PICKLED GINGER

- 1 fresh young ginger root with a large cluster of knobs
- 2 tsp. salt
- 2 1/2 Tbsp. sugar
- 5 Tbsp. water
- 1/2 cup rice vinegar

Peel ginger and slice as thinly as possible. Sprinkle the slices with the salt and set aside for one day. Rinse in water to remove excess salt and cook in boiling water for 5 minutes. Drain.

Mix together the sugar, water, vinegar and a dash of salt and heat. Add the cooked ginger, while it is still hot, to the marinade solution and set it aside to cool. The color will turn to a pale pinkish orange as it cooks. This can be kept in a covered jar in the refrigerator for up to 3-4 weeks.



## A La Carte Party time - Georgian style

By DANIEL ROGOV

After returning from a trip to Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia, novelist Lawrence Durrell observed, "I have travelled nearly everywhere, but have never been feted and feasted as luxuriously and with as good grace as here. Among all the peoples of the Soviet Union, only the Georgians have made hospitality and cookery the most important aspects of life."

Durrell was not alone in being impressed with the generosity and luxury of the Georgian table. Festive Georgian dinners start off with a large variety of zakuski. Although these are supposed to be hors d'oeuvres, many hosts, competing to set the most luxurious tables, include many dishes that one would hardly think of as starters. Often set out-of-doors on a single table, cheeses, vegetables, a variety of yogurts, salted cucumbers, pickled garlic cloves and sprigs of coriander and tarragon sit alongside platters of smoked sturgeon, liver pate, salted herring, caviar, sliced sausages, pickled mushrooms and plums.

If they are really trying to impress their friends and neighbors, the zakuski table also will include meat, poultry and fish pies, whole stuffed geese and turkeys, a variety of shishliks and kebabs. Not infrequently, a whole baby goat or lamb will be spit-roasting over a pit by the table. Whatever is offered, there always will be at least one large plate of the extraordinarily popular beans in plum sauce.

And, because Georgians take enormous pride in the wines they produce at home, as many as 12 different kinds of wine may adorn the table. Vodka, drunk neat, ice cold and in a single gulp from tiny glasses, always is available and wealthier families also serve the local version of champagne. Despite the enormous amounts of alcohol consumed, the favorite drink of Georgians remains tea.

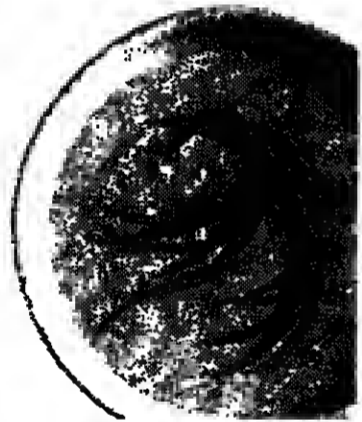
According to tradition, men drink from glasses and women from cups, but both sexes take their tea without milk and sip it through a sugar cube held between the teeth.

Many Israelis are pleasantly surprised at their first exposure to Georgian food. Located in the Caucasus mountains bordering Turkey, and having trade and cultural exchanges with Iran for many years, the cookery style of Georgia has a closer kinship to

that of the Middle East than to that of Russia.

Of course, the recipes that follow, all traditional Georgian dishes, may be prepared individually. Served together, however, they can be the basis for a marvelous celebratory feast. If you want to make your party truly Georgian in nature, one person should be appointed the official *tamad*, a toastmaster who ensures that there will be an unending number of toasts. Because most Georgians are not concerned with the rules of kashrut, not all of these dishes can be made in kosher forms. One such recipe is marked with an asterisk (\*).

### CHICKEN IN WALNUT SAUCE



- 1 chicken, about 1 1/2-2 kg.
- 1 small onion
- 1 sprig each tarragon and parsley
- olive oil as required
- 1 medium onion, chopped finely
- 400 gr. walnuts, shelled and ground finely
- 6 Tbsp. white vinegar
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped finely
- 1/4 cup coriander, chopped
- 1/4 tsp. hot paprika or several dashes of Tabasco
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 1/4 tsp. fenugreek
- 1/2 tsp. each turmeric and coriander

Wash the chicken under cold running water and then dry well. In the cavity of the bird, place the whole onion, tarragon and parsley and then brush the skin with olive oil. Place the chicken in a roasting pan and place in an oven that has been preheated to very hot. Immediately reduce the oven temperature to medium and roast the bird until it is tender (40-45 minutes).

In a skillet, heat about 1 Tbsp. of olive oil and in this saute the chopped onion until it is translucent. Remove from the flame and

add the remaining ingredients, mixing well. Serve this sauce in a separate bowl alongside the chicken. (Serves 4.)

### MEAT PASTRY\*

- 1/2 cup butter
- 2 large onions, chopped finely
- 1/4 kg. lean beef, ground
- 2 eggs
- 3 Tbsp. beef or chicken stock salt and pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup fresh dill, chopped
- 1/4 cup bread crumbs

For the pastry:  
225 gr. cream cheese, at room temperature

- 1 cup butter, at room temperature
- 2 egg yolks
- 2 cups flour, sifted
- 1/2 tsp. salt

In a large heavy skillet, melt 1/2 cup of the butter and in this saute the onions until golden brown. Continue cooking and add the meat and, with a fork, stir constantly until the meat has lost its color but has not yet browned. Remove from the flame and add the whole eggs and stock, stirring well. Season to taste with salt and pepper and then add the dill.

Make the pastry shell by blending together the cream cheese and the butter. Add the egg yolks and mix well. Sift the flour together with the salt and work this into the mixture. Refrigerate for 30 minutes before using. On a well-floured towel, roll the pastry into an oval about 36 x 40 cm. Place the filling in the center, distributing so that a strip of about 6 cm. remains on each side. Fold the long sides of the dough over the filling, sealing with cold water, and shape the pastry into an oval. From the towel, invert the pastry onto a well-buttered cookie sheet. Prick the crust several times with a fork, butter well with the remaining butter and sprinkle with the bread crumbs. Bake in a very hot oven for 12 minutes, lower the heat of the oven to medium and bake until the pastry is golden brown. Serve hot. (Serves 4-6.)

### TURKEY WITH APRICOT STUFFING

- 1/4 kg. dried apricots, pitted
- 1 cup port wine
- 2 cups bulgur (cracked wheat)
- 1/4 cup butter or, for kashrut, parve substitute
- 2 large onions, chopped coarsely
- 2 stalks celery, without leaves, chopped finely

- 1 tsp. sage salt and pepper to taste
- 1/4 kg. prunes, pitted and halved
- 1/2 cup pine nuts
- 1 cup beef stock
- 1 turkey, about 4 1/2 kg., dressed

In a mixing bowl, soak the apricots in the port overnight. With a slotted spoon remove the apricots and set aside. Reserve the wine separately.

In a separate bowl, soak the bulgur in 4 cups of water for 2 hours and then drain well.

In a large heavy skillet, melt the butter and in this saute the onion and celery until the onions are translucent. Add the cracked wheat and saute for 5 minutes longer. Season with the sage and salt and pepper, add the prunes, apricots, pine nuts and stock and simmer, uncovered, for 20 minutes. With this mixture stuff the bird.

Truss the bird well and place on a rack in an oven that has been preheated to very hot. Immediately reduce the oven temperature to medium and bake, allowing about 55 minutes per kg., basting often with the wine and pan drippings. When the bird is done let cool for 10 minutes or slightly longer before carving.

If desired, make a pan gravy from the drippings and serve in a sauceboat. (Serves 6-8.)

### RED BEANS WITH PLUM SAUCE

- 4 cups cooked kidney beans (may use tinned)
- 1 clove garlic
- 1/2 tsp. crushed, dried chili peppers
- 1 tsp. dried basil
- 1 tsp. minced coriander leaves salt to taste
- 1/2 cup damson plum jam
- about 2 Tbsp. wine vinegar

Rinse the beans under cold running water. Drain thoroughly and turn into a serving bowl. With a mortar and pestle or blender, crush the garlic together with the chili peppers, basil, coriander and a pinch or two of salt. Work to a smooth paste. Rub the jam through a fine sieve and mix together with the herb paste, thinning with vinegar, a few drops at a time.

Season the sauce to taste with salt and gently fold the sauce into the beans with a wooden spoon. Let stand at room temperature for 2-3 hours before serving. (Serves 6.)

## Rogov's Shopping Basket Loving goose liver

By DANIEL ROGOV

For many years, largely because fresh goose liver was not easily available to them, most Americans believed that foie gras, like tuna fish, always came in tins. Today, thanks largely to the efforts of American-Israeli Michael Ginor, whose American-raised geese are considered as good as the finest of France, goose liver has become as available in America as it is in France.

Surprisingly, this was one case in which we were far ahead of the Americans, as very high-quality fresh goose liver has been readily available here for the last 20 years.

The availability of fresh foie gras has not, however, harmed the huge goose-liver industry in Alsace, Perigord and Cahors, those regions within France where geese most often are raised and their livers processed for tins or jars. Here again, we are ahead of America, for in a joint venture with the French producer Jean Lamaudie, local company Ma'adineh Yehiam is now producing three versions of jarred and tinned foie gras for the local and export markets.

Goose liver is never as exquisite when tinned as when fresh. That does not mean, however, that tinned offerings do not have their charms. Dining out on fresh foie gras can be very expensive (the major exception being eating it grilled on skewers at restaurants such as Yehuda Ha'avazi) and preparing goose liver at home can be tedious and difficult.

The completely ready-to-eat kosher Yehiam products, all of which carry two names, one in French (L'Oie Royale) and one in Hebrew, are each of a quality high enough to make them worthy of consideration.

The first and best, called "whole goose liver," is not so much an entire liver as it is a single piece of liver that has been packed into a self-sealing jar together with just enough goose fat to remove the air from the container. Rich in flavor, completely cleaned of all unsightly veins, and with a texture that is smooth and pleasing, the product is most rewarding when spread on either toast or country-style bread. At between NIS 50 and NIS 60 for 180 gr. jars, you can call this foie gras cheap, but then again, considering its reputation as a luxury food, those prices represent good value for money.

In addition to 90% goose liver and 10% chicken liver, the second version being offered, which is a pate, also contains water, salt, spices, sugar, ascorbic acid and

nitrites. The third product, properly referred to as either a mousse or a parfait, is a lighter, airier mixture based on goose liver, chicken liver and goose fat.

Both are far from the best foie gras pates or mousses available in fine restaurants. Despite that, both give good hints of the charms that foie gras can offer and are worth trying. 210-gr. tins of the pate cost NIS 45 to NIS 50 and 200-gr. tins of the mousse between NIS 25 and NIS 35.

Those who care to emulate the French will put a generous layer of butter on their toast or bread before spreading the goose liver. The use of a bit of high-quality mustard is optional. And although nearly any wine goes well with goose liver, the wines ideally suited to these products are white sweet dessert wines and champagne.

**Tip for Gastronomes**  
From the day that Dalia Renaud opened her intimate bistro in Jerusalem about a year ago, I have consistently considered hers to be one of the very best places for informal dining in the country. Renaud, who has trained with some of the best chefs in Europe, has an unqualified love for the food of Alsace, and the dishes she offers are Alsatian at its traditional best.

My most recent visit to her bistro was inspired primarily by the desire to sample several of the dishes Renaud has added to the menu since her recent working visit to the Auberge de l'Il, where she worked with chef par excellence Marc Haberlin. We tried three first courses, the first a country-style pate of chicken breasts and liver that had been folded together with spinach and pistachio nuts before being wrapped in bacon. Just coarse enough, with full rich flavors added to, I believe, by a touch of Cognac, the dish was a delight.

The second dish, a terrine of vegetables, was made unusual because instead of the super-smooth terrines one usually receives, it was made up of cubed vegetables set around a center of slices of goose breasts and beets.

Nor could we resist trying a portion of Renaud's lightly sauteed goose liver. Served with a sauce based on Calvados and with a jam-like confit of oranges, the foie gras was exquisite. If the dish was faulted at all, it was because it had been served with lentils, the mild bitterness and graininess of which did little to add to the texture and flavor of the liver.

Our main course, a perfect, almost 6-cm. thick fillet of beef, was made special by the use of

setc mushrooms in the sauce. Although setc, which grow only in certain parts of France, are not as expensive as truffles, they are very highly regarded by gastronomes for their earthy, almost chocolate-like richness and fine texture.

By this time, we had eaten quite enough but, because Renaud is a world-class pastry chef, we went on to two desserts, the first a super-rich mouseline of currants and raspberries, the second a latticed plum tart. Fortunately, my lunch companion is a close friend, and our argument over which was better did not lead to blows between us.

Anyone who has enjoyed dining at Alsatian restaurants such as Auberge de l'Il, Buerhiesel or Maison des Tanneurs will feel completely at home here, for this is Alsatian cooking at its very best. Including a reasonably priced but good wine, the average bill for two will come to about NIS 250 and I consider that excellent value for money. Those on a budget will find that dining on the daily specials is even more reasonable.

Bistro Dalia Renaud: 10 Rehov Agrippas (in the alley), Jerusalem. Open Sunday-Thursday from 11 a.m. to midnight, on Fridays from 11 to 4 and 7 to midnight, and on Saturdays from 7 p.m. to midnight. Tel. (02) 625-7647.

**Cookies from America**  
The American company Keebler has recently introduced six of its best-selling cookies to the local market. Two of the cookies are basically vanilla flavored and contain either pecans or almonds. The other cookies, in the company's Chips Deluxe series, contain chocolate chips.

One of those is enriched with peanut butter. One has giant-sized chocolate chips, another contains chunks of milk chocolate and the last contains sugar-coated candies in a variety of colors. All contain wheat flour, peanut flour, molasses, sugar, palm oil, salt and eggs, and are enriched with vitamins and minerals.

Those who enjoy the sometimes monotonous flavor and texture of mass-produced, mass-marketed cookies will find that these are perhaps just a bit richer than most of the other similar products now on the shelves. Whether that makes them worth the price, of between NIS 14 and NIS 16 for 500-gr. packages, depends largely on one's desire to consume taste and aroma additives and a collection of chemicals, including polysorbate 60, sorbitan monostearate and mono- and diglycerides.

## Wine Cellar

By DANIEL ROGOV

### Good values from Italy

A collection of wines has recently arrived from Italian wineries Prunotto and La Braccasca, both of which are owned by Piero Antinori. The wines of these wineries, the first located in Piedmont and the second in Tuscany, rarely rise to the extraordinary heights of the best wines carrying the Antinori label. However, they are high in quality, sometimes exciting and frequently provide very good value for money.

Prunotto, Barolo Bussia, 1993: An intense bouquet of plums and ripe cherries, combined with pleasingly soft tannins and rich flavors make this very well-balanced wine perfect for accompanying meat, game or cheese dishes. Still young, the wine should age for two to three years longer before you start to drink it. NIS 289, Score 92.

Prunotto, Barolo, 1993: Aged in oak for two years, the bouquet of this full-bodied wine charms with its overlays of violets, raspberries

and pine needles. With flavors that linger on and on, this velvety wine makes an excellent accompaniment to hearty meat or game dishes and to cheeses. Age in the bottle for another year or two before drinking. NIS 137, Score 87.

Prunotto, Barberesco, 1994: Aged in wood for 12 months, with berries, blackberries and licorice in its aromas and flavors, this well-balanced, full-bodied wine is ideal with heavy cuts of meat and with cheeses. The wine can be enjoyed now, but will be even better in two to three years. NIS 133, Score 86.

Prunotto, Occhio di Nebbiolo d'Alba, 1995: With violets, rose petals, raspberries and hints of truffles in its aromas and flavors, this medium- to full-bodied wine will go very nicely with antipasti, pasta, or light meat dishes. Drink now or in the next two to three years. NIS 103, Score 85.

La Braccasca, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, 1994: Made from Sangiovese

grapes and aged in oak for two years, this fine wine has good depth of flavors and an exciting level of acidity. The wine is drinkable now, but will mellow nicely in another two to three years. NIS 92, Score 86.

La Braccasca, Rosso di Montepulciano, 1994: Made from 80% Prugnolo and 20% Canaiolo Nero grapes, this medium-bodied wine has more overtones of ripe berries and bitter cherries. Drink now or in the next year or two. Excellent value at about NIS 44, Score 85.

Prunotto, Barbera d'Alba, 1995, and Barbera d'Alba, 1996: Made from Barbera grapes and aged in oak for eight months, these medium-bodied, lively and young wines have enchanting berry and cherry aromas and soft tannins. When served lightly chilled, they will go with just about any dish you can think of. Extremely good values at NIS 55 and 45, respectively. Both wines should be drunk young. Score for both: 85.



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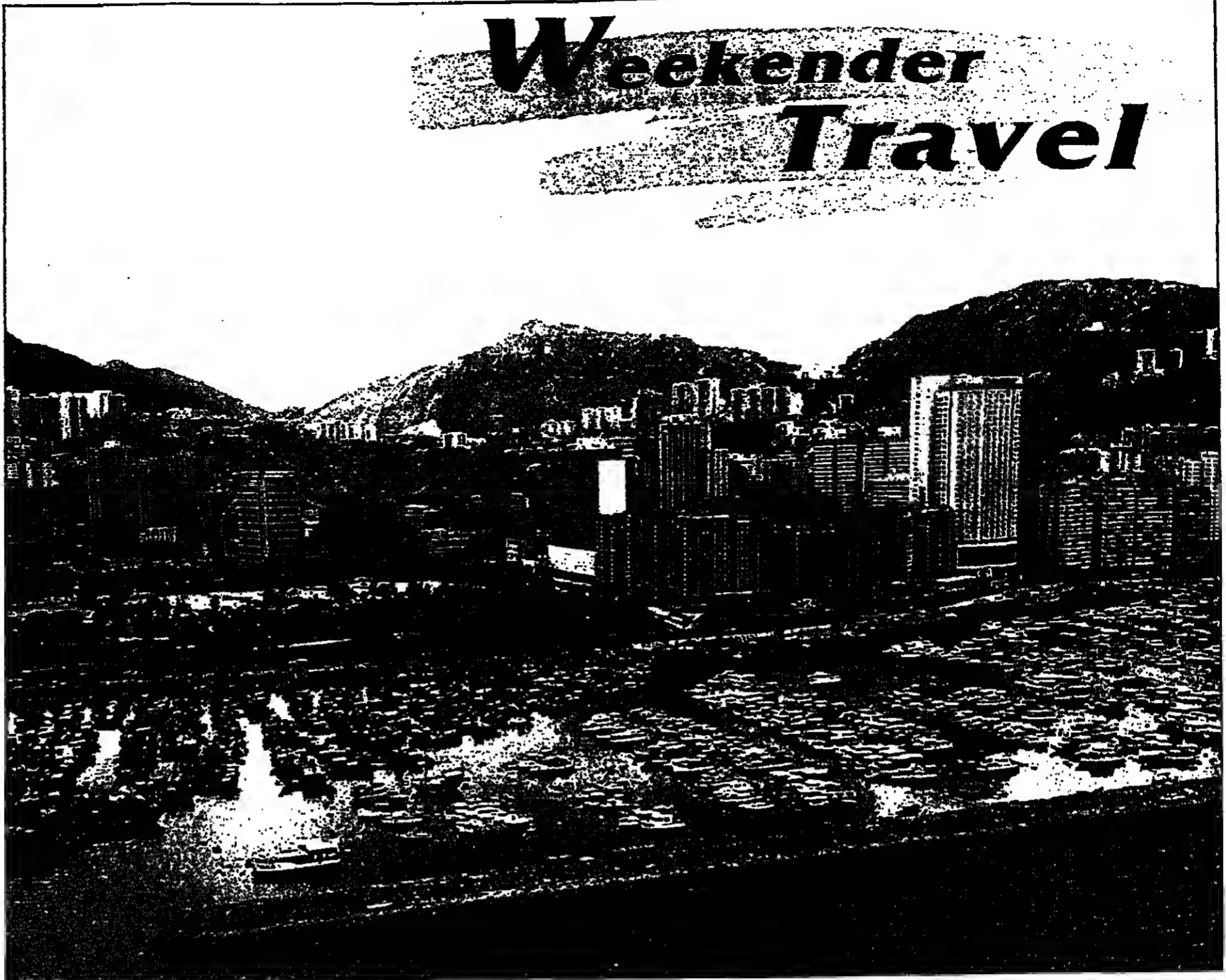
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Hong Kong's harbor is still one of the busiest in the world. The only evidence of the change of regime is in the stalls full of leftover "handover souvenirs." (Hong Kong Tourism Assoc.)

# Hong Kong - what was all the fuss about?

**Joel Gordin visits the islands a month after the handover to China and finds they are still a tourist and shopping paradise, with nary a Chinese soldier in sight.**

Hong Kong is more than just a place to buy a duty-free musical camera. It is one of the most impressive cities in the world, a crossroads of the cultures of east and west. Only a few kilometers from the Manhattan-like shopping malls of central Hong Kong there are remote villages where the locals lead lives that have changed little over many generations.

Most people know that Hong Kong is an island off the southern coast of China. It is, but the territory of Hong Kong is a bit more than that - 235 islands and a chunk of mainland sharing a border with China. The center of Hong Kong island is the business district, called Central, and it is adjacent to the honky-tonk area of Wanchai made famous by Richard Mason's 1957 novel *The World of Suzie Wong*. From Hong Kong it's only a seven-minute ferry ride across the world's busiest - and most beautiful - harbor to the Kowloon peninsula on the mainland. The tip of Kowloon is the shopping and tourist ghetto of Tsimshatsui.

Beyond Kowloon lie the New Territories which border China and the remaining 234 islands that make up Hong Kong.

At midnight on June 30, in a magnificent display of British pomp and ceremony, Her Majesty's Government returned Hong Kong to China after governing it as a crown colony since 1841.

If nothing else, the handover was great for the tourist trade - all hotel rooms in Hong Kong had been booked solid for the occasion since 1990. Many had wanted a last look at the seething, bawdy, noisy capitalist capital of Asia they knew and loved because Jeremiahs had predicted that the Chinese would drag it down to the socialist doldrums.

They need not have worried. I visited Hong Kong a month after the handover, and except for stalls full of leftover "handover souvenirs" it was as if nothing had happened. There are no Chinese soldiers patrolling the streets, waiting to trample the population with their tanks à la Tiananmen Square.

In fact, one can't even find a Chinese soldier to photograph. The tokeo Chinese garrison, 1,500-strong, is strictly confined to barracks. The Chinese promised that Hong Kong would handle its own internal affairs and, as of this writing, they appear to be keeping their promise.

For starters, this means Israelis still do not need a visa to visit. However, you will need a hefty wad of traveler's checks. Today, a decent hotel room cannot be had for less than around \$130 a night. Beware of cheaper hotels that boast rooms with "private bath, air-con-

ditioning and television." I stayed in one of them and the air-conditioning was a weak trickle of air, the plumbing did not work and the television was a kind of "video juke box" from which one could select only adult movies for \$100 a viewing.

Hong Kong was once full of cheap, colorful youth hostels. The most famous were those concentrated in a run-down building on Nathan Road, Kowloon, called Chungking Mansions. Alas, Chungking and all the others are now filled with tough migrant laborers from African, Asian and eastern European countries.

ONE OF the principal attractions of Hong Kong has always been shopping. While it is true that the city resembles one gigantic shopping mall, a quick look at the price tags should convince you that these days Hong Kong is not quite the bargain it's cracked up to be.

Imported goods like Japanese-made cameras and electronic gadgets can be bought for much less in the US, and even in some countries of western Europe.

That said, it is almost impossible

not to be infected by the shopping bug during your stay, so it's wise to take some precautions. Remember that the bargains to be had are on locally manufactured goods. Goods which require low technology and a lot of manual labor - such as clothing, footwear and luggage - are the best bargains.

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Be aware that most Hong Kong merchants who live entirely off the tourist trade base their marketing philosophy on a simple equation: Tourist equals sucker. You may feel great after bargaining down the

price to half of what the storekeeper originally demanded, but remember that the shopkeeper is still making a profit, and if you hadn't bargained you would have been taken for a ride.

The best way to get a fair deal is to get far away from the tourist areas - and ensure that the goods have price tags. You don't have to go to the backwoods; rather, try the shopping malls that are frequented by the locals. One recommended place is the New City Plaza in Quarry Bay on Hong Kong Island.

Restaurants are naturally a lot cheaper if you eat where the locals do. However, that's not always so easy, especially if you are not turned on by local snacks like seaweed, pigs' trotters, snakes' entrails and dogs' testicles. Remember that the food served in your friendly neighborhood eating place in Hong Kong bears no resemblance to what you might eat in a Chinese restaurant in Tel Aviv or New York.

Sadly, many tourists who can't look at another noodle or another plate of dim sum - let alone a crab's claw - find themselves, against all their sworn intentions, eating a frightening number of meals at

places like McDonald's and Pizza Hut with hundreds of other westerners, who discovered that genuine Hong Kong chefs have never heard of fortune cookies.

HONG KONG'S nightlife is world famous - but you get only what you pay for. Red-blooded single men on the prowl who plan to search Wanchai for their own private Suzie Wong especially need to be forewarned. The days of the adorable "yum-yum" girls with hearts of gold have disappeared forever.

In fact, no Hong Kong girl has worked the bars for years. Sure, there are literally thousands of establishments where you can be served a drink by a Philippine or Thai or Russian migrant laborer wearing nothing but an imitation Seiko watch. They'll even speak to you in a friendly fashion. But it will probably be the most expensive chat of your life, because you will presented with a bill of about \$100 for "speaking to the barmaid." And if you protest, twin fit-looking Chinese men - obviously experts in the martial arts - will appear at your elbows. They accept credit cards.

However, don't despair - some of the best parts of Hong Kong are free or inexpensive. These include walks along the waterfront at Kowloon, from where you get panoramic views of the harbor (worth doing both at night and in daylight); taking the tramway up the Victoria peak for the views from the top; visits to the floating restaurant at Aberdeen and to the beaches at Stanley, at Deep Water Bay and at Repulse Bay.

Most travel agents and package tours allow a week at the most for visiting Hong Kong - enough time for brief tours of the above half-dozen attractions plus the obligatory shopping jaunt.

But if you give yourself longer and make an effort to get out of Central and Tsimshatsui, you will find even more.

An hour's hydrofoil ride away is the 500-year-old Portuguese colony of Macau, with its classical European architecture and its exciting casinos. To the north of Hong Kong Island are the more remotely populated islands, with their hidden temples and unspoiled beaches. Transport by ferry, train or bus is cheap and efficient.

Even further north, adjoining the New Territories, are some of the most accessible, interesting parts of China - but that's a whole different story.

There are many ways to get to Hong Kong, among them a direct flight from Tel Aviv to Hong Kong's Kai Tak airport. The best time to visit is autumn. Winter is cold and foggy, and summer is hot and humid, with the ever-present danger of typhoons.



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# Bridge

## The kibitzers speak

By MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

East dealer  
Neither side vulnerable

North (Pavlicek Sr.)  
♠ A 7 4  
♥ 6 4 3 2  
♦ Q J 10 9 7 2  
♣ -

West (Goldman) East (Soloway)  
♠ J ♠ Q 10 9 8 3  
♥ 9 8 ♥ J  
♦ A K 8 6 4 ♦ 5 3  
♣ J 10 6 5 2 ♣ A Q 9 8 4

South (Pavlicek Jr.)  
♠ K 6 5 2  
♥ A K Q 10 7 5  
♦ -  
♣ K 7 3

West North East South  
2NT 4♥ 5♣ 5♦  
Pass 6♥ (All Pass)

Opening lead: ♦ K

The "kibitzer" at bridge is an expression used to denote someone who watches others play at the table. Its original connotation, however, was that the person not only watches but offers his unsolicited opinions. Bridge etiquette dictates that kibitzers are to remain in their seat for the duration of a deal, keep quiet, and watch only one hand. This etiquette doesn't apply to bridge games played on computer.

Last week, the second "Goldway match" took place on the OKBridge computer network. Five hundred kibitzers watched one table of bridge in the comfort of their own home as two world-famous partnerships squared off in a three-hour session. Since nobody could see the kibitzers, they were allowed to leave their chair, drink coffee, and watch as many hands as they wanted.

On the computer screen you have the choice of "sitting behind one player" or viewing all four hands as the game progresses. But more than this, the kibitzer's greatest joy seems to come from discussing the deal as it's being played. This is permissible and can be seen in the top section of the computer screen, where anyone can dash off a comment on his keyboard and it will be viewed instantly by the other 500 kibitzers around the world.

The Goldway matches are monthly events sponsored by the OKBridge Internet club and *Bridge Today* magazine. Once a month, Bobby Goldman of Texas and Paul Soloway of Seattle play against challengers. Last week's match was against Richard Pavlicek of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and his son Richard Jr. The players actually played the match from three separate cities on four computers. Anyone in the world connected to a computer, modem, and local network to the Internet may become a member of OKBridge and become a talking kibitzer.

The most exciting deal of the night (or day, depending upon where you were watching from) — the match began at 9:30 p.m. New York time, 4:30 a.m. Israeli time) was this week's deal in which a small slam was reached by the challengers. Soloway (East) passed as dealer and Pavlicek Jr. (South) opened the bidding one heart. Goldman (West) jump overcalled two notrump.

This was a conventional call known as "the unusual notrump." It showed a hand with 5-5 in the minors. Goldman was a bit light for his action, and he may have been playing to the crowd's propensity for active bidding. Pavlicek Sr. (North) jumped to four hearts and Soloway hid five clubs. Soloway knew from his partner's two-notrump call that his side had at least a 10-card club fit. Notice that the contract of five clubs is only one down. But Pavlicek Jr. was not going to let Soloway have it. He cuebid five diamonds, showing a control there and interest in slam. His partner/dad got the message and bid six hearts. Now all depended on the opening lead.

After any lead but a diamond, South has to lose two spade tricks for one down. But who could blame Goldman for leading the king of diamonds? This was ruffed by Pavlicek Jr., and trumps were drawn. A spade was led to the ace and the queen of diamonds led. Pavlicek Jr. discarded a spade and when Goldman won the ace, Pavlicek Jr. claimed the balance. The diamonds in dummy were high, and the black losers in the South hand were discarded.

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On Camera

# Weekender Leisure



Left: A momentary pause, Jerusalem, 1948  
Below: Baby-sitting during an enforced rest stop on a Jerusalem-Tel Aviv convoy, Sha'ar Haganai (Bab el-Wadi), 1948

(Photos by Hugo Mendelsohn)

# Framing history

By DAVID BRAUNER

Today, it all sounds like fairy stories. I can't decide what the weight of this history is," reflects Hugo H. Mendelsohn.

At the pinnacle of his photographic and journalistic career, Mendelsohn covered the critical period leading to Israel's independence and the 1948 war. Today, the 79-year-old looks back on these events with a veteran photographer's eye for detail and a generous dollop of infectious humor.

The son of a doctor and a social worker, Mendelsohn was born in Berlin in 1918. On entering secondary school, he was given a plate camera, and for his bar mitzva he received a Leica. His cousin Cilla Hecht taught him how to process film and make prints.



Due to rising antisemitism, he left school, temporarily gave up his dreams of becoming a news photographer and journalist, and came to Palestine with Youth Aliya in 1934. After a two-year stint on Kibbutz Tel Yosef, he took an office job in Tel Aviv, which allowed him time to take photographs. By 1943 Mendelsohn fulfilled his dream of working as a freelance photo reporter in Palestine, Transjordan, Cyprus and Egypt, mainly for the Hearst-owned International News and Photographic Services.

Smuggling himself into Haifa Port with a camera in his pocket, he routinely photographed the bowels of immigrant ships that brought "the remnants of human beings" to these shores after the Second World War. "Horrible pictures," he says.

Mendelsohn was present in Amman with two other Jews — Rosenfeld of the *New York Times* and Bornstein, honorary vice-consul of Jerusalem — when Emir Abdullah (King Hussein's grandfather) proclaimed the independence of Jordan and himself king in 1946. "I shot the picture and I still remember it. The lighting in the picture was less than so-so. The picture that came out has shadows twice the length of a normal human being," Mendelsohn sent off the picture with his caption, "Are these the shadows of the past or the future?" Today, he comments, "I didn't know how right I was."

With his facility for languages, especially English, and an easy-going nature, Mendelsohn managed to open doors closed to others and establish "more than the average journalist's working relationship" with personalities of the times. One such individual was the black US diplomat Dr. Ralph Bunche, whom he characterizes as an "extremely educated and cultured man." He recalls with great clarity photographing Bunche and Prof. Chaim Weizmann at a meeting of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine (UNSCOP) in 1947. An especially dark room was chosen because Weizmann's failing eyes were highly sensitive to light. Of course, Mendelsohn was forbidden to use any sort of flash. Improvising, he tied a piece of string around his Leica and anchored the other end with his foot, stretching the string as tight as possible to steady the camera. Shooting with a wide-open lens at a long half-second exposure time, he still had to extend the development of the film



to make the picture. During the War of Independence, Mendelsohn served in the army's Press Liaison Office under the late Moshe Perlman and Abe Harmon with four other photographers and "a young filing clerk, Reuma Schwartz, nowadays the First Lady of Israel, Mrs. Reuma Weizman." According to Mendelsohn, the Press Office was considered something of a nuisance. Consequently, in addition to fighting "a running battle with Yigael Yadin and other commanders," the photographers used their own private cameras and materials and, for a time, worked without pay. Also, the press unit's jeep was stolen by another unit. Their replacement vehicle was an overpowered Opel hearse. Nevertheless, the intrepid



News photographer Hugo Mendelsohn

(David Brauner)

Mendelsohn was in Beersheva, captured from the Egyptians that night, to photograph Leonard Bernstein's victory concert there the next day. Bernstein and the orchestra, including a grand piano,

played Mozart for an audience of 400-500 "unkempt, unwashed individuals." The pictures were run to *Life* magazine.

Mendelsohn's attitude to photography is a cynical brand of hard-nosed professionalism mixed with warm humanity. He remarks that "nobody claims that photography is neutral. On the contrary, it's actually the biggest lie existing, especially newspaper photography. Because by the angle you use, by the moment you choose, you are expressing an opinion." But on the other hand, he says, "My approach is to show human life and how it speaks to me. Photographers have a split personality."

And perhaps that's the best reason why it should not be the photographer's job to decide "the weight of history."

# Chess

## A move that takes the cake

By NIGEL SHORT

The most splendid chess confection I have seen was a cake produced in honor of the English team during the 1982 Luzern Olympiad. This work of art featured the final position of a John Nunn brilliancy, if my memory serves me correctly, and was proudly wheeled into the dining room by its creator, the chef and the hotel manager, so all could admire its beauty.

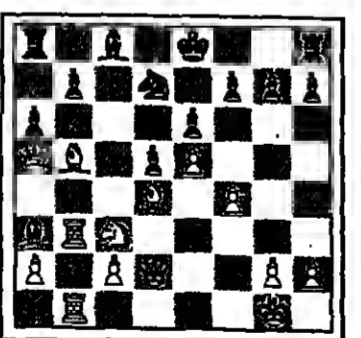
Shortly afterward, I wandered over for a closer examination of the culinary delight. It shames me to recall but in a moment of total absentmindedness, I picked up one of the marzipan pawns and ate it, *en passant*, so to speak. Alas, it was not long before my gross felony was discovered and I had to be hidden by the team from the irate manager.

Vassily Ivanchuk once said getting married is like taking the b2 pawn in the Sicilian Defense: risky at best and arguably very unwise. Perhaps the same should also be said for the following "Poisoned Pawn" variation of the French Defense, here won by Georgy Timoshenko, the famous Irish grandmaster.

White: Georgy Timoshenko  
Black: Boris Itkis  
Romania, 1996

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. e5 Nf7 5. f4 e5 6. Nf3 Ne6 7. Be3 cxd4 8. Nxd4 Qb6. This sharp continuation is unpleasant to meet if one is unprepared. Quiet moves like 9. a3 promise next to nothing, so one is more or less obliged to sacrifice. 9. Qd2 9. Ncb5 is surprisingly well met by a6! 10. Nf5 Be5 11. Nbd6+ Kf8 12. Qh5 Nd8 according to the latest theory. 9... Qxb2 10. Rb1 Qa3 11. Bb5 Nxd4 12. Bxd4 Bb4 13. 0-0 a6 14. Rb3 Qa5 15. Rf1. A critical

position for this variation. Black must now tread very carefully. 15... Ba3 15. Bxc3 is clearly bad, conceding the important dark squared bishop as is 15... Qa5 16. Rxb4 Qc6 17. f5! Kiril Georgiev Dolmatov, Moscow, 1990.



Black: (Itkis)  
White: (Timoshenko) to play

16. f5!! A brilliant idea. White could also consider 16. Bxd7+ Bxd7 17. Rxb7 which offers nothing according to theory but which looks pretty good to me. 16... axh5 17. Rxa3! The only reasonable follow up. 17... Qxa3 18. Nxb5 Qxa2 19. Nd6+ Kf8.

According to Van der Sterren in *New in Chess*, this move is a mistake. Black should play 19... Kd8 20. Nxf7+ Kc7! But this analysis does not convince. 21. Qb4 with the threat of Qd6, mate is then worthy of attention.

20. Ra1 Qxa1+ 21. Bxa1 Rxa1+ 22. Kf2 Ra8. Black is masses of material up, but his development leaves something to be desired. He is quickly polished off. 23. Qg5 f6 forced 24. Qh5 g6 25. Qh6+ Kg8 26. Ne8! A nice finishing touch.

In the light of the following variation 26... Kf7 27. Qg7+ Kxe8 28. Qxh8+ Nf8 29. exf6 with the deadly and unpreventable threat of 30. Qg7, Black resigned. (Telegraph Group Ltd.)

# The sweet smell of summer

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

The difference between what we wear and what we are now seeing on fashion runways often depends on the weather.

While new fall/winter collections have already been paraded in Europe and the US, Israeli designers and importers are waiting until next month to unveil the first of the new season's showings.

Although cool-weather garments can be worn at night in some parts of the country, day wear will continue to be summery for some time to come, which means that summertime fragrances will be equally appropriate.

Que Viva Escada, the fifth limited edition in a summer series produced under the label of the famous German fashion house, comes in the elegant and distinctively carved Escada bottle, distinguished from its predecessors by its color. This bottle is a deep marine blue. The eau de toilette spray is available in 100 ml, 50 ml and 30 ml sizes, retailing at NIS 239, NIS 169 and NIS 129.

The scent is described by its creator as "the fragrant interpretation of the Escada spring/summer collection 1997." The packaging

incorporates Escada's summer palette of blue, electric orange, bright yellow, cactus green, strawberry red, and white.

The floral, fruity tones of the fragrance itself are light and cheerful and unusually dominated by pineapple, but without the tart sweetness one encounters in pineapple juice. After the initial surprise, it's quite pleasant, long lasting and evocative of islands in the sun.

Speaking of sun, it's hard to miss the Salvador Dali Le Roy Soleil posters adorning bus stations all over the country. It was Dali's aquarelle Sun King, which he painted half a century ago as an expression of his admiration for Louis XIV, that inspired the fragrance of the same name. The artistic bottle is directly borrowed from the painting. Here, too, pineapple is one of the major ingredients in the magic formula but is barely discernable, bowing to the stronger heart note and base note aromas of clove, cinnamon, Oriental rose, jasmine, sandalwood, vanilla, musk and other fruit, spice and wood essences. The combination is reminiscent of those light yet seductive perfumes that come out of Japan, which can hardly be coincidental, since Japan is the Land of the Rising Sun. A 7.3-ml bottle of pure perfume is priced at NIS 249. Parfum de toilette in volumes ranging from 100

ml to 30 ml can be purchased for NIS 349, NIS 249 or NIS 169.

Gigi, the Israeli cosmetics company which also operates in Hungary, has developed a new range of skin-care products for oily and large-pore skin. The series, produced by a Gigi research team in conjunction with a Pharmagis scientific team, is marketed under the name Lipacid, which might be off-putting to some people. All the masks, gels, moisturizers, creams, treatment lotions and facial soaps in the series have been dermatologically tested at Ichilov Hospital and are sold only to cosmeticians.

Among the fairly new over-the-counter products is Guerlain's Le Geses Purette Awakening Toner which, according to the manufacturers, is suitable for all skin types and can be used at any time. A hydrating and refreshing lotion. It's a convenient item to carry in one's purse for use in uncomfortably hot places where a faucet is not always available. The price for a 200-ml container is NIS 89.

Another convenient beauty product is Shiseido's Protective Tinted Moisturizer, SPF 10, in the Vital Perfection series. For those women who have neither the time nor the inclination to *patchek* too much with stuff that they put on their faces. Tinted Moisturizer with just a hint of color to lighten the complexion, stimulates the need for a make-up base. A tiny



Dali's Sun King, an expression of admiration for Louis XIV, inspired the fragrance of the same name.

drop will go a long way so the NIS 178 for 30 ml will be money well spent.

The irreverent Jean Paul Gaultier is still packaging his glass dressmaker-dummy perfume bottles in tin cans. The latest offering, Summer Fragrance, is slightly sweet and as light as a baby's breath. It's also alcohol-free. Curiously, the vanilla and musk, though vital components, have a minimal influence on the ultimate

fragrance. This is a perfume for women who feel that they must give themselves a spritz of something but don't want to be enveloped in an aromatic cloud. The price tag on the 100-ml bottle is NIS 198.

Hint of the week: If you don't have a steady hand, don't use liquid eyeliner. It makes much more of a mess than a kohl pencil and will sting the eyes if the wand happens to slip. Apply the kohl heavily prior to putting on eye shadow. It will look much more natural, and the eye shadow will cover any smudges on the lid.



CRITICS' CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

The relatively new Musica Eterna vocal ensemble performs Russian liturgical music tomorrow (noon) at the Targ Center in Ein Kerem, Jerusalem. The program comprises Rachmaninoff, Chesnokov and Degtiarev, among others.

KLEZMER

HELEN KAYE

It's the eighth Ra'anana Klezmer Festival, and this year the emphasis is on Israeli klezmer groups. The performers include Bernie Marinbach and the Israeli Klezmer Ensemble, clarinetist Israel Zohar and his sons, the Elyav Family, Bukharan Klezmers, and the Reim Duo with the Haim Asner Orchestra. Tonight at the Ra'anana Municipal Park at 8:30. Come at 8:30 and you can wander among the stalls of a Judaica fair. Free.



Daniel Barenboim conducts Wagner's 'Siegfried' on Channel 8 tomorrow.

TELEVISION

The Revenge of Itzik Finkelstein (Channel 1 at 8:45 tonight) is a relatively recent Israeli film (1993) starring Moshe Ivgy and directed by Enrique Rosenblum, which reaped most of the Israeli film awards the year it came out. Ivgy plays the perennial loser. Almost 40, Finkelstein is still living at home, with no friends or women in his life, and to top that off, he is a failure at business. A scheme to import vulgar key rings flops, and even an attempt at suicide fails. Just when things are at their worst, he meets an evil ghost and decides to sign a pact with the devil so he can get back at all those who ever mocked him, from his elementary school teachers to his army commander and former girlfriend.

Elena Chipman

Daniel Barenboim conducts the incomparable Bayreuth Festival Orchestra in Wagner's Siegfried, the third part of Der Ring des Nibelungen, Wagner's monumental 16-hour epic that depicts the struggle to create a new, pure world. In Hans Knipfer's visually striking production (sets by Harry Schavemoch), the cast features exceptional heldentenor Siegfried Jerusalem as the naive simpleton who learns the meaning of love and has yet to learn what fear is all

about. John Tomlinson is the powerful Wanderer, the ruler of the world who witnesses his domain withering into thin air; the dramatic Graham Clark is the mischievous dwarf, Mime; and Anne Evans is Brunnhilde, whom Siegfried awakens from her decades-long sleep. First-time Wagner from the festival created by the composer himself. Tomorrow on Channel 8 at 5:05 p.m. Michael Ajzenstadt

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★ THAT OLD FEELING — In this enjoyably retrograde romantic comedy, Bette Midler and Dennis Farina play a divorced couple who claim to despise one another but who turn out still to be deeply in love. After 14 years of marriage to other, less compatible partners, they are reunited at their daughter's wedding and they can't keep their hands off each other: first they wrestle and then they embrace. Written (by Leslie Dixon) expressly for Midler, the movie gives its star ample opportunity to ham and stay in character, and though her performance is basically a long, belted one-note, it's quite winning. Director Carl Reiner's technique is deliberately old-fashioned, but it isn't stuffy. If anything, his skewed affection for the misbehaving characters hark back to the sophisticatedly amoral fables of Lubitsch and Mankiewicz, with a bit of '60s sitcom thrown in. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)

TV schedule table with columns for Channel 1, Educational TV, Channel 1, Channel 2, and Jordan TV, listing various news and entertainment programs.

Middle East TV schedule table listing programs like Les Charlots En France and The Revenge of Itzik Finkelstein.

PRIME TIME TV schedule table with columns for 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, listing programs like News, Beverly Hills 90210, and The Bold and the Beautiful.

ARABIC PROGRAMS table listing programs like 1800 Nigmaras of Nature and 1800 News.

HEBREW PROGRAMS table listing programs like 1800 News flash and 1801 Whoopi.

ETV 2 (23) table listing programs like 1800 Teen Dramas and 1800 Hot Science.

CHANNEL 2 table listing programs like 6:15 Today's Programs and 7:00 Breakfast Magazine.

JORDAN TV table listing programs like 14:00 Holy Quran and 20:50 Law and Order.

CABLE table listing programs like 16:00 News flash and 17:10 Edge of the City.

ETV 3 (23) table listing programs like 16:00 News flash and 17:10 Edge of the City.

CHANNEL 8 table listing programs like 8:00 Open University and 8:05 Wildlife.

CHILDREN (8) table listing programs like 8:30 Cartoons and 9:00 Family Hills.

SECOND SHOWING (9) table listing programs like 22:10 Bitter Harvest and 19:03 The Young and the Restless.

CHANNEL 8 table listing programs like 8:00 Open University and 8:05 Wildlife.

STAR PLUS table listing programs like 7:30 The Wonder Years and 8:00 Carah Wintry.

CHANNEL 5 table listing programs like 8:30 Bodies in Motion and 8:30 Bodies in Motion.

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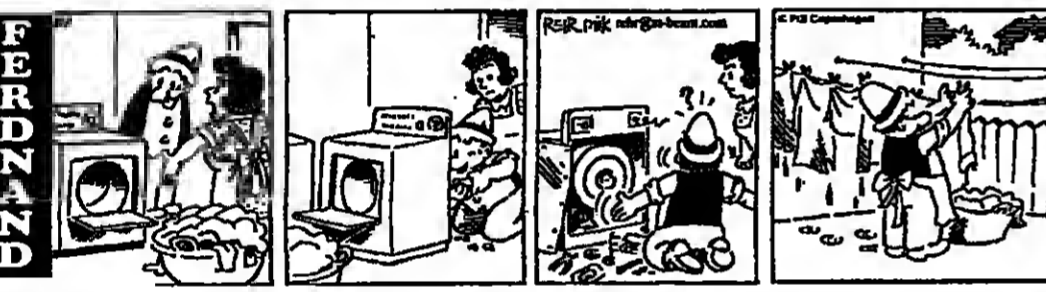
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- ACROSS: 1 Crewman showing little variation in stroke (6), 4 Time soon modifies feelings (8), 9 Occasion when spirits are called for (6), 10 The author is not in (8), 12 Mark comes back to school (4), 13 Nerve broken? Not at all! (6), 14 Left or right in the vessel (4), 17 Flat-finding agencies (6,6), 20 Navy planes in sorry state (12), 23 Backward island not lacking in skill (4), 24 Practice gives us time (5), 25 Experienced hat-maker (4), 28 A criminal picked up in response to a telephone call (8), 29 Reach a swirling river (6), 30 Bananas he will put in fruit container (8), 31 Sayings of modern times (6), DOWN: 1 Indecision shows us soft in reason (8), 2 One who talks one round to see a musical drama (6), 3 Terrible ache in a head (4), 5 Girl goes on a journey, her first (6,6), 6 Payment for ring (4), 7 A prayer of three short words (6), 8 Spectacles used by marksmen (6), 11 Aware of a rising sea, but far from queasy (7,5), 15 As good and bad employees may be called for (6), 16 Quick to catch five in a falsehood (5), 18 Getting down to making a proposal! (8), 19 The smartest form of bedding (8), 21 No part exchange for this customer (6), 22 To extract information is illegal, we hear (6), 26 Knead an air of sadness (4), 27 Push money over bar (4), 28 A criminal picked up in response to a telephone call (8), 29 Reach a swirling river (6), 30 Bananas he will put in fruit container (8), 31 Sayings of modern times (6), 1 Indecision shows us soft in reason (8), 2 One who talks one round to see a musical drama (6), 3 Terrible ache in a head (4), 5 Girl goes on a journey, her first (6,6), 6 Payment for ring (4), 7 A prayer of three short words (6), 8 Spectacles used by marksmen (6), 11 Aware of a rising sea, but far from queasy (7,5), 15 As good and bad employees may be called for (6), 16 Quick to catch five in a falsehood (5), 18 Getting down to making a proposal! (8), 19 The smartest form of bedding (8), 21 No part exchange for this customer (6), 22 To extract information is illegal, we hear (6), 26 Knead an air of sadness (4), 27 Push money over bar (4), 28 A criminal picked up in response to a telephone call (8), 29 Reach a swirling river (6), 30 Bananas he will put in fruit container (8), 31 Sayings of modern times (6)

Crossword puzzle grid with solutions provided for various words like HALLOUSINS, BIPED, and GOR-DON.

QUICK CROSSWORD section with a grid and a list of clues for across and down words.

MOVIES

Extensive movie listings for various theaters including Jerusalem Cinematheque, Panorama, and others, listing titles, times, and cast members.



# Arrow still on schedule

By STEVE RODAN

The first deployment of the Arrow anti-missile defense system will take place in late 1998 or early 1999 as scheduled, despite last week's failure of an Arrow 2 test launch due to a malfunction, officials said yesterday.

"We see no reason to change our plans," said Uzi Rubin, head of the anti-missile defense project, called *Homa* (wall). "The partial deployment will be at the end of 1998 or early 1999 and we hope to stand by this schedule," he said.

Rubin and other officials involved in the Arrow project yesterday held an unusual news conference at the Defense Ministry to discuss last week's failed launch, in which the Arrow 2 missile went out of control seconds after it was fired toward a target missile. The Arrow 2, launched in the Mediterranean, was destroyed in mid-flight to prevent it from veering toward population centers.

The Arrow 2 was to have undergone six test launches, according to the joint US-Israeli program. Officials said the partial emergency deployment of the system was to have begun after the sixth and final test, scheduled for early next year.

Uzi Eilam, head of the Defense Ministry's research and development unit, said Arrow program engineers would correct the malfunction before the next test. "We have enough time to conduct research, enough time to perform simulation," he said. Privately, the engineers said they hope to combine the goals of two tests into the next launch.

"We hope we don't have to go back to the drawing board," said Yair Ramati, Arrow program engineer for Israel Aircraft Industries, the \$1.6 billion project's chief contractor.

"We will have a system that can deter," Eilam said. "When we talk of partial capability, we are talking about the capability of destroying another missile. The number of missiles that we have will grow over time."

Officials said that, despite the subject being raised during Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's tour of the Far East, the Arrow program is not seeking additional partners. Both Japan and South Korea have expressed interest in acquiring anti-missile defense capability.

"If we have other countries enter Arrow, it will be with the full coordination of the US," Eilam said. "Everything we do will be done together."



**Taking the broad view**

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai gestures over the Golan Heights yesterday, while speaking to a group of soldiers during a large-scale Armored Corps exercise. (Reuters)

**WEATHER** Golan 17-27

Haifa 21-30  
Tiberias 20-35  
Afula 18-32  
Safed 19-25  
Tel Aviv 24-29  
Jerusalem 18-28  
Beer Sheva  
Dead Sea 25-37  
Eilat 24-38

Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear

**AROUND THE WORLD**

	LOW	C	HIGH	WIND	PRECIP
Amsterdam	17	20	23	10	cloudy
Berlin	19	22	25	10	cloudy
Buenos Aires	19	22	25	10	cloudy
Chicago	19	22	25	10	cloudy
Copenhagen	18	21	24	10	cloudy
Frankfurt	18	21	24	10	cloudy
Geneva	18	21	24	10	cloudy
Helsinki	14	17	20	10	cloudy
Hong Kong	25	27	30	10	cloudy
Jakarta	26	28	31	10	cloudy
London	18	21	24	10	cloudy
Los Angeles	18	21	24	10	cloudy
Madrid	18	21	24	10	cloudy
Moscow	15	18	21	10	cloudy
Mumbai	26	28	31	10	cloudy
New York	18	21	24	10	cloudy
Paris	18	21	24	10	cloudy
Rome	18	21	24	10	cloudy
Stockholm	14	17	20	10	cloudy
Sydney	22	25	28	10	cloudy
Tokyo	22	25	28	10	cloudy
Toronto	18	21	24	10	cloudy
Utrecht	18	21	24	10	cloudy
Zurich	17	20	23	10	cloudy

### Winning cards

In yesterday's first Chance drawing (279/97), the winning cards were the 9 of spades, the 9 of hearts, the 10 of diamonds, and the 8 of clubs. In the second drawing (280/97) the cards were the 7 of spades, the 7 of hearts, the queen of diamonds and the 8 of clubs.

## IDF: Intelligence failed in Military Prison 6 riot

### Complaints of abuse unsubstantiated

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The internal IDF inquiry into the riot and takeover of Military Prison No. 6 earlier this month put much of the blame on the prison intelligence officer for not detecting signs of the riot sooner, but dismissed claims by prisoners that they were beaten or badly fed.

Speaking to reporters in Tel Aviv, Brig-Gen. Avraham Assael, former OC Education Corps, who led the investigation, said the IDF has to decide now whether to remove the warden. Assael's investigation did not substantiate prisoners' claims that they were beaten and found their complaints about food were not justified.

"The revolt was planned beforehand and we also see, because it was planned ahead of time, the importance of intelligence in prisons," Assael said, noting some of the prisoners knew of the mutiny plan a week to 10 days prior to the August 11 rebellion.

Chief of General Staff Lt. Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak received the report on Sunday and has yet reacted to it, saying he is not done studying it. One of the decisions facing Shahak is whether he will remove prison warden Lt. Col. Yitzhak Ben-Ami.

Assael's inquiry did not deal with the question whether the agreement reached with the prisoners which led to a bloodless end to the ordeal was valid. The IDF and state prosecutors are still debating whether the agreement was valid. There are those in the IDF, such as OC Manpower Maj.-Gen. Gidon Sheffer, who have reportedly pressed the IDF Judge Advocate-General not to honor the agreement, since it was drawn up under duress.

Yisrael Ba'aliya whip MK Roman Bronfman warned yesterday that spirits are still tense in the prison and that another rebellion could erupt. "The atmosphere is better than before, but tension still hovers in the air. If the agreement is not honored, there is no guarantee that a new revolt won't break out," Bronfman said following a visit to the prison at Atlit. He met with the 13 leaders of the rebellion and then later reported of his meeting with their parents.

## Oren Shahor joins Labor Party

By SARAH HONIG

Oren Shahor, the former coordinator of government activities in the territories, is to formally join the Labor Party today, and plans to announce this at a press conference with party chairman Ehud Barak at noon.

Shahor, a reserve major-general, had also headed the talks on civilian matters with the Palestinian Authority. He left military service several months ago under a cloud, after he was photographed leaving the home of then-Labor leader Shimon Peres late at night. He was accused of reporting to Peres on the negotiations with the PA.

His appearance with Barak today is seen as an opportunity for the party chairman to divert attention from the embarrassing episode in which he summarily fired half the 70 party headquarters employees only to end up retracting their dismissals. Shahor and Barak will devote their press conference to problems of defense and foreign policy.

But Barak may be reminded of his internal party troubles at a Labor Knesset faction meeting, also scheduled for today, in which the party's financial woes will be discussed, as will Barak's sacking of the party employees as a way to cut costs.

During the last faction session, Barak was attacked by all Labor MKs for the dismissals. However, he is expected to fare better today, since a cooling-off period is in force with the employees and since the MKs fear that the stinging barbs aimed at Barak may eventually do irreparable electoral damage.

The Labor Party employees, meanwhile, conferred yesterday for the first time since they ended their barricade at party headquarters earlier this week. Most participants criticized their staff committee representatives for having welcomed Barak back into his office with hugs and kisses, even though the dispute has not yet been resolved.

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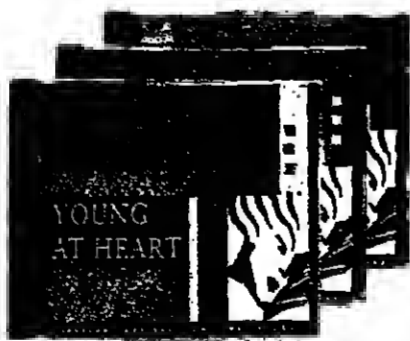
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